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WORLD CUP HOTS UP

The Italians celebrate
after Alessandro
Altobelli had put them
ahead, two minutes
before half-time.

ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

CHRIS BAMBRIDGE CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY

AUSTRALIA's ace referee, Chris Bambridge was early yesterday morning being abused with claims that he robbed Spain from at least a draw when he disallowed them a goal in the 53rd minute in their World Cup clash with Brazil.

Spain went down 1-0 to the Brazilians at the Estadio Jalisco in Guadalajara in a match where our Chris received a rough baptism in World Cup Soccer Finals.

The match saw Bambridge disallow two goals and come very close as early as the second minute to handing out a red card.

The possible early red card incident came when Spanish defender Paulo Victor upended Brazilian striker Careca with a vicious body crash-tackle near the touchline.

But the most controversial incident occurred just eight minutes after the break when Chris disallowed Spain a goal which very quickly brought back vivid memories of the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley between England and West Germany.

Spain's blond centre-back Antonio Macea struck a vicious 18 metre drive that crashed into the under-side of the Bra-

lian cross-bar.

The ball ricochetted down and over the line before back-spinning out again.

It all happened in a split second and with Bambridge unable to tell if the ball crossed, flashed a



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look across to his linesman who signalled nothing as he was not square to the goal-line.

What woes Chris suffered because with the aid of video facilities and after playing the incident repeatedly in slow-motion, the television stations only then were able to ascertain that the ball had in fact crossed the line.

Bambridge like almost anybody else in his position had no other choice but to give the benefit of the doubt to the defending team. In this case it was the Brazilians.

Maybe it was a miscarriage of justice that ended well as Spain did nowhere near as much as the Brazilians to win or even draw the match.

The first half saw Spain hold Brazil scoreless, despite the Brazilians having an abundance of possession but being constantly thwarted by Spain's well organised defence.

In the 55th minute it

WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN



was Brazil's turn to have a goal disallowed by Bambridge when from a Junior corner on the left a Brazilian striker who appeared to head the ball into the net, in fact had "hand-balled".

Brazil scored their goal in the 62nd minute through skipper Socrates.

Careca's hot drive crashed onto the cross-bar and Socrates swooped in to strongly head the rebound into the net.

BRAZIL: Carlos: Edson, Edinho, Junior (Falcão), Casagrande (Muller), Careca, Júlio César, Alenão, Socrates, Branco, Elzo.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta: Renones, Macea, Muñoz, Camacho, Goikoetxea, Butrageno, Moreno, López, Salinas, González.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge (Australia).

CROWD: 69,000.



JUNIOR of Brazil

The Editor

WHO needs violence in sport?

Two decades ago, violence in sport was unheard of but today it is part of our society.

Recent weeks have seen outbreaks of fighting in rugby league, rugby union, Australian Rules and Soccer.

Rale Basic recently said there were maybe four or five fouls throughout the FA Cup final between Liverpool and Everton but in Australia, players commit 40 and up to 60 fouls a game.

Australian Governments have decided to take action against sports violence because they know it is a creeping disease which can effect the younger generation more than anyone else.

Last month, a front page article in ASW pointed out that Soccer in Australia had become too violent and is likely to get even rougher as clubs scramble to finish in the top 14 of the National League.

Crude tackling, especially from behind, is banned in Europe and visiting players are often stunned by the severity of our local clashes.

Australian players, coaches, officials and referees will have a marvellous opportunity to watch how the world's best handle the same situation through the live coverage of the World Cup in Mexico.

FIFA has already instructed referees to protect leading players from violent or cynical fouls and it will surprise if these people fail to keep control.

Soccer has often been promoted as the sport for young children to join to get away from the tough physical play of the other codes.

Parents don't want their youngsters growing up with broken noses, cauliflower ears and leg injuries which carry through life.

Sport does not have any need for hooligans, on the field or in the stand and Australian Soccer should look more seriously at putting its house in order.

Europe has shown what can be done with stern punitive measures and the Jim Comans no nonsense era in rugby league quickly cleaned up the more violent elements.

Referees need to apply the laws more strictly and the judiciary committee should support them with more appropriate penalties.

Steve Kamasz has already announced plans to eradicate this growing evil.

Soccer fans everywhere want goals and entertainment and Australians should not accept or encourage violence.

It's time to act. There's already been too much talk.

THE GOOD AND THE BAD NEWS FOR BRAZILIANS

BRAZIL's injury-plagued World Cup Soccer team suffered yet another blow on Thursday when striker Walter Casagrande suffered an apparent thigh injury in training.

But there was also good news with continued improvement of injured midfielder Zico, offering hope he might recover in time to play in Brazil's Cup opener against Spain.

Casagrande, a 23-year-old striker for Corinthians FC, left the field midway through a light training session and went straight to the medical department, followed quickly by team doctor Neylor Lasmar.

After examining the player, Lasmar said he could give no immediate indication how long the shaggy-haired attacker might be out of action.

"Casagrande felt a pain

in the right thigh and this will be evaluated over the next 24 hours to determine the extent of the injury," Lasmar said.

But the doctor said he was more optimistic about the progress of Zico who

STRIKER

LAST week, four Libyans were refused entry into Mexico because immigration officials felt that their reasons for visiting the country were too vague.

has the same sort of injury that ousted Toninho Cerezo.

"Zico was fighting a knee injury but we made the final decision on Friday," Lasmar said.

Meanwhile, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland continue their preparations in the US, oblivious to what may lie ahead of them in Mexico.

Indeed, it's not terrorists that have rocked the Scottish camp in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but allegations, rumor and speculation from back home in Glasgow.

SCOTS TO HIT THE TARGET

SCOTLAND has stepped up its long-range shooting practice in an effort to cash in on the one positive aspect of playing at high altitude.

Its World Cup footballers will be encouraged to shoot on sight when they arrive in Mexico next month.

The rarified atmosphere, which often hinders the performance of the individual, can be a valuable ally when it comes to taking a crack at goal, from long range.

As the Scottish squad prepared for some tough training, manager Alex Ferguson revealed: "We have spent quite a bit of time on our long range shooting.

"In this atmosphere, the ball can behave like a missile."

GOOD START

BULGARIA beat the local Toluca team 3-2, with an own goal by Ortega, a Siarkov penalty and a decider from Diakov.

Gama and Calderon scored for the home team in the Cup warm up game.

SPAIN-FUL ROW

MEXICO's World Cup players are still squabbling over the arrival of Real Madrid striker Hugo Sanchez from Spain.

He it seemed would displace a regular member of their squad, if he is finally fit.

\$6M RUSH JOB

LIVERPOOL goal machine Ian Rush is being chased by Italian club Juventus — despite his \$6 million price tag.



GARY LINEKER of England with his injured right wrist in a sling and heavily bandaged, strains in preparation for the match against Portugal.

ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

ITALIANS THROW AWAY GREAT START

ITALY were left rueing the fact that they spurned a definite win on Sunday after Nasko Sirakov latched onto a cross in the 84th minute to head home a cross from the right and give Bulgaria a last gasp 1-1 draw with the defending champions in the opening match of the World Cup.

The Azzurri had the game in hand for almost the duration and the Bulgarians rarely if ever looked dangerous, apart from when Plamen Getov was involved.

But Italy were their own worst enemies. Far from not attacking enough, they attacked plenty and it was a sight to behold, but the fact is the clinical finishing usually attributed to the Italian front-runners was not there.

If it wasn't for the lack of finishing then there was the brilliance of Borislav Mihailov in goal for Bulgaria. He denied the attacking forays some five occasions.

20-year-old Italian midfielder Fernando De Napoli was brilliant in only his second match for the national side.

When he wasn't up front attacking or displaying his skills in midfield he was in the centre of defence saving the day for his side as he did in the 35th minute when the Bulgarians were seemingly right through.

And who can forget his wicked curling shot in the second half that all but went in?

De Napoli's earliest effort came from a Bruno Conti corner when he collected the ball short and let fly just over the crossbar.

Whilst the youngster was in fine form he was overshadowing his more illustrious counterparts such as Antonio Cabrini and Giuseppe Bergomi, both of whom were very disappointing in defence.

Soon afterwards the Italians opened the Bulgarian defence when Pietro Vierchowod dispossessed Yivko Gospodinov and sent Conti on his way.

The midfield schemer then in turn served Galderisi. His crossfield pass was directed into the path of Alessandro

Altobelli who was only denied by a fine sliding save by the keeper Mihailov.

Then Galderisi himself had a chance but showed little initiative when he went past the fallen keeper outside the area and his cross went well wide.

For all his work in the midfield Getov finally made a break out wide and crossed to where Sirakov came flying in but completely missed a heading chance.

Then on the half hour Altobelli went on a fine dribbling run, the ball ran loose to the usually very reliable Antonio Di Gennaro but his shot missed by a fair way.

Altobelli was again in the thick of the action two minutes from half-time when he sent the Italian fans into raptures with the opening goal of the series.

A foul on Galderisi set up a free-kick outside the area for Di Gennaro.

The Veronese's cross was met with a fierce volley by the unmarked Altobelli that flew into the net.

Italy displayed their attacking class in the second term and for a time it seemed if they put their minds well and truly on the job ahead they might have rattled up a big win.

Conti nearly got Galderisi in and then Gaetano Scirea, the skipper, was brilliantly denied by Mihailov when Altobelli had put the sweeper into the clear on the hour.

Then Bearzot pulled off the injured Conti and brought on Under 21 captain Gianluca Viali.

Viali was soon in action with a throw to the feet of Vierchowod, the right-back let loose with a rasping shot that flew just over.

In the 71st minute Getov's corner was mishit by the substitute Kostadin Kostadinov and Galli saved at his feet.

Italy should really have been two up in the 73rd minute when a replica free-kick as in the goal was curled across from Di Gennaro. Altobelli headed the ball across goal where Cabrini headed inexplicably over from only two metres.

Cabriani followed up soon after with a shot wide. Di Gennaro played a long ball in the 82nd minute that had Viali racing up the wing. His cross was chested down by Altobelli, who curled the ball at goal but the keeper was equal to the task again.

With Italy relaxing and thinking they had the two points, a break and cross from the Bulgarians gave them a huge shock. The ball was slung over with but six minutes remaining and Sirakov atoned for his early miss to power in a header past the hapless Galli.

For the game against Argentina, Conti will have to become involved as he was in this match but not as predictable as he was.

Also Bearzot must bring in Aldo Serena or Paolo Rossi for some potency in the finishing department in place of the ineffectual Galderisi.

ITALY: Galli 6, Bergomi 5, Cabriani 5, Scirea 7, Vierchowod 6, Bagni 6, De Napoli 8, Di Gennaro 7, Conti 6 (Viali 65), Altobelli 7, Galderisi 5.

BULGARIA: Mihailov 8, Sirakov 7, Aravov 6, Markov 6, Dimitrov 6, Zoravkov 5, Iskrenov 6 (Kostadinov 65), Sadkov 6, Mladenov 6, Gospodinov 5 (Yeliaskov 74), Getov 7.

CROWD: 103,000
Referee: Eric Fredriksson (Sweden)

CAUTIONS: Italy: Bergomi, Cabriani. Bulgaria: Markov.



Italian goalkeeper Giovanni Galli makes a desperate lunge but fails to reach the ball before it goes into the net to give Bulgaria its last minute equaliser.



NO INTENTION OF CHANGING URUGUAYAN SQUAD

RUMOURS abounded freely immediately after the naming of the Uruguayan World Cup squad that there would be alterations to the squad as it arrived in Mexico.

These rumours were quickly dispelled by the President of the Uruguayan Football Federation, Hector Jaunico who said: "There was never any chance of the squad being changed by the Federation or anybody for

that matter. The 22 players selected were the best available."

Meanwhile their number one player, ENZO FRANCESCOLI made it known this week in Mexico that he had been transferred from Argentine

side River Plate to French club, Racing of Paris.

Included in the contract is Francescoli's awesome wage, an unknown figure but reputed to be only slightly less than what Argentinian Diego Mara-

dona is earning in Italy.

Uruguay of course are in Group E, nicknamed the 'Group of Death'.

VEYT'S KING'

BELGIUM'S young midfielder, Danny Veyt, has been hailed 'King of the Mountains' after easily running 2600m in the training camp in the Swiss Alps while his team-mates struggled to finish 2000m.

MEXICO NEWS DESK



THE TICKETS ARE NOT BEING SOLD

MORE than 20,000 tickets are yet to be sold to the public for the package of seeing five games with the one ticket in Group A.

The stadiums being used are the Cuauhtemoc in Puebla and the Olimpic '68 in Mexico City.

The President of the Organising Committee, Pedro Angel Palou had indicated also that more than half of the tickets of the Estadio Cuauhtemoc games had yet to be sold, the capacity being 45,000.

But as ever and quite

rightly he claimed that the majority of the tickets will be sold on game days, the people turning up on those days.

"The Italy-Argentina game is certain to be a sell-out, the locals will flood to that game in the first round. But as yet not many people have bought tickets for the Italy-South Korea match," said Palou.

CANADA DENTS FRENCH FLAIR

CANADA, the 1,000 to one outsiders almost caused the first giant upset in the World Cup finals in Mexico when they held favoured France to a solitary 1-0 win at Leon.

France needed until 11 minutes from fulltime to score the goal that gave them maximum points for the match.

Michel Platini, the European Footballer of the Year, led his team and it was only superior condition in the second half which enabled the French team to break through.

Canada held its highly favoured opponent in the first half and actually created the first scoring chance in the 11th minute.

Keeper Joel Bats moved off his line in the French goal and was stranded when he raced out to cut off the ball only to find it didn't come through.

Instead, Canadian mid-

fielder Mike Sweeney lobbed a shot into the goal area where it was headed off the line by Maxime Bossis.

The French tempo picked up in the second half as the constant defending took its toll on the Canadians.

Substitute Yannick Stopyra, who replaced Dominique Rocheteau, crossed into the penalty area where Jean-Pierre Papin headed into the top of the net.

In fact, the poor finishing cost France a number of chances and this area will need to be improved for the team to be successful over its other Group C opponents Hungary and Russia.

Referee: Hernan Silva (Chile). Crowd: 35,749.



Diego Maradona in action for Argentina in training camp.

INSPIRED MAROONS GIVE LESSON TO NSW AND A MESSAGE FOR AROK

BY GEOFF STEAD

QUEENSLAND'S Mighty Maroons left national coach Frank Arok with something to think about following a fighting 1-0 win over NSW at Perry Park in Brisbane last Sunday.

And a few of Alan Vest's Blues side would do well to ponder on their own performances after an uncommitted showing.

Arok missed the game because he was in Mexico for the world Cup and the Queenslanders who felt they had been snubbed showed from the start that they had a point to prove.

Queensland won the match because they played as a team, they wanted to win, they fought harder and quite simply, they played better.

NSW were never given a chance to get into the game and by the end a few Blues players had lost interest and Queensland stormed home with a Kieran Cooper winner in the 82nd minute.

The goal came from a John Ogden free kick wide on the right after Dave Ratcliffe had fiercely brought down Queensland striker Danny Wright.

Ogden, one of Queensland's best, drove a low free kick into the box in what was a pre-planned Queensland set piece. The ball deflected off NSW midfielder Peter Raskopoulos and found Queensland defender Frank Liddell at the far post.

Liddell's fierce shot rebounded across the goal mouth and Cooper side-footed in from close range to bring the 4,000 strong crowd to its feet.

Queensland started the game with a 4-4-2 formation featuring nine players from Brisbane Lions and

ployed two strikers and the continual raid down the flanks by wide men Jim Morton and John Ogden more than gave the NSW back line something to worry about.

The pair were singled out by Socceroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson, who was in Brisbane on Arok's behalf as among the best Maroons.

NSW's best included Kalantzis, although he drifted out of the game in the second half, Mike Gibson, Dave Ratcliffe and Graham Jennings.

Gibson made two good saves early in the second half to keep his side in the game.

NSW, who obviously didn't treat the game with the same importance as their Queensland counter-

parts really had only two good periods of the match. Five minutes of attack midway through the second half and another period of pressure 20 minutes into the second half showed what a formidable side NSW could be with the right attitude.

But despite the pressure the Queensland defence remained strong, with Steve Jackson and Liddell outstanding and the closest the Blues came to scoring was a Graham Arnold pile driver which hit the upright in the 75th minute.

After the match Thomson had high praise for the Queenslanders and said they had given a classic team performance in what was a highly entertaining game.

But he placed a damper on the State's hopes of

further Socceroo selections when he described Maroon midfielders and current Socceroo training squad members John and Russell Stewart as fine club and state players but "lacking that something extra needed for the National team".

Thomson rated Queensland other Socceroo training squad member Danny Wright as having the necessary mobility and skill but rated his finishing as disappointing.

Thomson had little praise for the NSW side and said that the midfield lacked balance and work rate.

Queensland officials were naturally ecstatic over the victory and Stowell rated it a much more significant win than the Queensland 3-0 victory over NSW in 1983.

"NSW were a lot stronger this time and we played a lot better. It was a great performance from the entire squad," Stowell said.

QUEENSLAND: Farrow, Jackson, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven, J. Stewart (Kirrappa 84), Ogden, Wright, R. Stewart, Morton, Cooper (Bromfield 84).

NSW: Gibson, Gomez, Jennings, Bertogna, Ratcliffe, Raskopoulos, Tredinnick, Kosmina, Arnold, Kalantzis, Farina.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler.

CROWD: 4,441.

CANBERRA K.O.'S CUP HOLDERS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS sent Cup holders Sydney Olympic crashing out of the Nanda Cup when they defeated them 1-0 at the St George Stadium.

Olympic won the Cup in 1983 and again last year.

Canberra greatly inspired by goalkeeper Anthony Franken and central striker Augusto Palacios played some magnificent team stuff to knock out their more illustrious, star-studded opponents.

In fact Canberra should have led by at least two goals in the opening 22 minutes when they squandered chances from striker Hilton Phillips in the 19th minute and yet another three minutes later by the same player.

Desperate to revive his side against this Canberra onslaught, Sydney Olympic's skipper, Peter Raskopoulos raided into Canberra's box in the 34th minute. He tried to bend the ball around Franken but only succeeded into burying the ball into the side-netting.

Canberra playing without the injured Jimmy Cant, had as his replacement, the tall red-haired Terry Byrne slotting into the free-back's shirt. Byrne added much height as well as confidence to Canberra's defence of Jason Dunn, Peter Burke and Steve Bryant.

The National capital's

midfield of skipper, Tommy Sermmani, Johnny Mihailidis and Jim Hamilton, stood firm with fixed bayonets against Olympic's Gary Phillips, Raskopoulos and Vicente Estavillo.

Fifteen minutes before fulltime, Olympic came again with their best attack of the match.

Then it all happened in the 109th minute which saw Sermmani's soldiers bust their way into the Nanda Cup semi-finals on July 27th.

Left midfielder Jimmy Hamilton broke away down the left flank and clipped a tremendous cross into the box to Palacios who was free as a bird.

Palacios despite having all the time in the world, planted a first time shot into Olympic's net for Canberra to get closer to the Nanda Cup.

Canberra's elated captain, Sermmani said after the match: "It was a fine team-effort. We played for one another."

Sydney Olympic: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos (Brandt), Spanoudakis: Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Johnston, Stevenson (Soper 46th), Kalantzis.

Canberra City: Franken: Dunn, Burke, Byrne, Bryant: Sermmani, Mihailidis, Hamilton: Phillips, Palacios, Juna.

REFEREE: A. Owens.

CROWD: 3,700.

HELLAS STOPS GIANT KILLERS

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE HELLAS came from behind to beat Nanda Cup giant-killers Croydon City 2-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium with a "goal of the year" from striker George Konstandopoulos.

This match was what spectators expect from Cup ties.

First we had the Victorian State League team, conquerors of Green Gully and South Melbourne from the National Soccer League and bristling with veterans from the senior competition up against a side which had spent \$120,000 on players this season.

But it all turned incredibly sour for Blacktown thanks to Olver who miraculously saved three out of four penalty attempts to rescue his team when it mattered most.

And we saw the outsiders strike first in the 14th minute with a great individual effort from front runner Andy Humble.

He collected the ball from an Alex Livingstone cross on the left and in the right of the home box beat Socceroo Charlie Yankos to give former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook no chance.

Hellas stormed into the attack, but it was not until the 31st minute that captain and midfielder Graham Honeyman grabbed the equaliser.

A freekick met the head of centreback and Socceroo Robbie Dunn who nodded it back to Honeyman who hit the roof of the net.

It was 1-1 at half time and still anyone's game.

It was obvious that the home side was missing

central striker Gary Ward, signed from Melbourne Croatia who was Cup-tied to Melbourne Croatia and had to sit in the Hindmarsh Stadium stand.

However, Hellas kept the pressure on and home fans felt it was only a matter of time before they scored the winner - but it did not come until the 85th minute.

Then it was Konstandopoulos on the left of the box who brought down a ball, went round goalkeeper Peter Blasby who had got a hand to it, and curved a high lob into the top left hand corner of the net with his back to the goal.

It was a brilliant effort and one out of the box which makes Cup soccer what it is throughout the world.

Referee Stuart Mellings from Victoria kept a firm hand on the match, but had to book Croydon's Steve Beech and Humble.

While Croydon had been dubbed "Dad's Army" they opened up in the first 20 minutes with dash and flair which had Hellas backpedalling and it was Dave Brogan who almost drew first blood when he hit a ball just over the bar.

After Humble's goal Gary Price for Hellas made Blasby dive and it was the Croydon goalkeeper who kept his team in the game when he held a Price header just before half time.

From then on the veterans had their backs to the wall. Honeyman crossed the ball across the goal and luckily for them Steve Papadopoulos failed to slide in for what looked a certain goal.

And then it was Croydon who struck back with a Brogan shot which hit the home bar.

After the match former Socceroo and Croydon defender Jim Tansey summed up the game by saying that his team mates had enjoyed the match. They had hoped to go into the semi-finals but were happy that as a state league team they had gone as far as they had and wished Hellas all success.

HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Scott, Dunn, Yankos, Honeyman, Christodoulou, Panagis, Price, Papadopoulos, Konstandopoulos.

CROYDON: Blasby, Brown, Tansey, O'Reilly, Beech, Livingstone, Humble, French, Brogan, McLean, MacDonald.

REFEREE: S. Mellings, Victoria.

CROWD: 2,123.

'KEEPER OLVER THE HERO

Heidelberg 6 Blacktown 4 (after penalties) 3-3 after 90 minutes.

BY CARLO DEL PORTO

In an epic quarter final encounter at Olympic Park, Heidelberg eliminated Blacktown from the Nanda Cup of 1986 but only after a dramatic penalty shoot out. After 90 minutes the score was tied 3-3 and even 30 minutes of extra time couldn't separate the teams and penalties were needed to decide the tie.

The match began quietly enough and it took until the 13th minute for the deadlock to be broken, when speedy Heidelberg winger Tsolakis produced a wicked shot which gave Blacktown's keeper Curtis no chance. Heidelberg began to get on top soon after despite having to replace the injured Angele with Metaxas after just 16 minutes of the game.

But Blacktown sounded warnings that they were not going to be intimidated by the early setback and it was only the brilliance of Heidelberg

goalkeeper Olver that the score remained 1-1.

But Olver was powerless to prevent an equaliser from Blacktown just on the half hour when a scramble in Heidelberg's defence saw Thornwaite capitalising with a low shot.

Three minutes later spurred on by the goal, Blacktown produced a classic goal in counter attacking style. Curtis released Carroll on the left flank, who in turn switched the play a full 40 metres to find Slater in full flight, Slater's cross finding Thornwaite lurking dangerously in the penalty box again and he headed wide of Olver to make the score 2-1 in favour of Blacktown.

The rest of the first half saw a determined Heidelberg trying valiantly to redress the situation but the score at half time remained 2-1.

After the break Heidelberg started more positively and were rewarded in the 59th minute when a Mike Valentine corner picked out Paul Wilson and he equalised for Heidelberg with a well

taken header. It was Wilson's first goal for Heidelberg in the OASL.

At 2-2 the game was wide open but the momentum was definitely with Heidelberg who were now in control of the midfield. Centre half Alan Hunter was pushing up also in an effort to gain the lead and the pressure took its toll on Blacktown when in the 80th minute little Tsolakis again shot firmly to blast Heidelberg into a 3-2 lead.

The game was by no means over and one sensed that Blacktown would not lie down. This seesawing game had one last surprise to unfold and it occurred in the 87th minute when a Blacktown throw-in was allowed to travel to the far post where Slater had no problems with the easy put away. The score was then 3-3.

As if there wasn't enough drama Heidelberg suffered another injury on the stroke of full time when forward Deligiannis clashed heavily with Curtis and was carted off the field.

Thirty minutes of extra time only proved to be an anticlimax to an otherwise

thrilling game, when a mixture of fatigue and nerves meant that neither team was prepared to risk all for a winner. It almost seemed that both teams were resigned to the fact that only penalties would decide the struggle.

But it all turned incredibly sour for Blacktown thanks to Olver who miraculously saved three out of four penalty attempts to rescue his team when it mattered most.

Ainsworth, Carroll and Willis were all denied by Olver with only John Bradley finding the net, while for Heidelberg Kanesoulis, Valentine and Selemidis were the penalty scorers, with Hunter registering the only miss.

Jeff Olver

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

WITH the accumulation of points taking on far greater importance than in previous years a more defensive approach has been adopted by many teams.

The effects this approach is having on the game is obvious with the number of drawn games and low score lines each week.

The NSL Executive should be making every effort to discourage negative tactics by providing incentives for teams to attack each week.

Two areas that need re-organising are the appointment of referees and the points system.

Teams who adopt an adventurous approach to the game and push forward in search of goals at every opportunity should be rewarded for the increased entertainment they provide. The easiest way to encourage this attacking style is to make winning more appealing by increasing the points for a win.

Even the introduction of a bonus point for a team scoring more than three goals for a win would promote attacking

play.

When past used the three point system was given only one season to assess the benefits of such a scheme. Had the NSL bosses been patient and extended the trial period I'm sure the benefits would have become obvious as coaches realised the importance of collecting the extra points and formulated tactics accordingly.

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The effect a referee has on the state of a game is not fully realised by those making the weekly appointments. One only has to look at the Olympic-Sydney City game a few weeks back.

A possibly volatile game was handled by one of the leading referees in the country with the result that spectators were treated to a most entertaining and absorbing battle free of the usual niggling tactics and crude tacles quite



often evident in such clashes.

The standard of some refereeing this year has been deplorable with games degenerating into physical battles devoid of skill or entertainment.

The ability of referees is well known by coaches and players and it is evident as soon as the referee's name is known what type of game you can expect under his control.

A top panel of referees should be formed consisting of the best referees, with this group given control of the national league games.

If their form is below the accepted level then

they should be relegated to a lower league and replaced by the most competent referee from the next group.

At present inexperienced whistlers are put in charge of the top games and with players and coaches under extra pressure to produce results this year the failings of the ref are sadly exposed and the game deteriorates as players become disheartened with refereeing decisions.

The first 10 minutes of a game should be used by the referee to establish the ground rules so that players are made aware of the behaviour that will be tolerated during the game.

Once this has been established then, with consistent ruling by the ref, players will respond by concentrating on the ball and leave the referee to handle meting out of punishment. Retaliatory action is no longer necessary and the game is able to flow with supporters getting their money's worth.

Getting people to the game is of paramount importance to the survival of

the league. To do this the game must be made more attractive and entertaining. Any changes that will help in this area should be encouraged and given every chance to succeed.

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Yesterday the annual clash between NSW and QLD state teams was played. But who would know? The promotion of

the game in NSW was a disgrace with very little pre-match interest shown by the media, other than by Australian Soccer Weekly.



ing on TV and in the newspapers. People not usually interested in league are caught up in the promotion.

The Soccer clash is always a torrid affair with the traditional state rivalry evident. It would be an ideal event to be used to promote the code through the media.

Channel 0 has announced its intention to televise a league game live and the state game would have been ideal for such a venture.

Once again a golden opportunity to place Soccer in the spotlight has been allowed the pass unnoticed. The sooner those in charge of Soccer in this country accept that the job of promotion is a field for specialists and enlist the assistance of a professional marketing group the better off the code will be.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



Enzo Bearzot pictured with Paolo Rossi.



GOALKEEPERS — THEY ARE NOW ONE OF THE TEAM

THE continuing progress of Mike Gibson in goal for St George is of much interest to me.

was an outstanding success with Derby County in England.

Indeed I am surprised that more of our goalkeepers have not made the trek overseas as has been the case with outfield players.

From the great Ron Lord onward, which is as far as my Australian experience goes back, goalkeepers have excelled here, but especially in recent years.

Most clubs nowadays give goalkeepers specialist training.

Because of this I find the goalkeeper is usually among the most dedicated

players in a team.

What specialist goalkeeping can do for a keeper was seen in Jim Fraser at St George.

I used to make special trips to Bankstown, where he was goalkeeper coach, just to watch his training sessions.

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He coached Fraser four nights a week and turned him from a good goalie into an outstanding international who played a big part in taking Australia to the world cup finals in Germany in 1974.

Goalkeepers now are playing at the top level longer than field players.

Italy's Dino Zoff, Ireland's Pat Jennings, England's Peter Shilton all testify to this.

One of the reasons given is that they are not "used up" with constant barrages of shots and crosses as happened in earlier years when scores of 6-5 were not unusual.

In some games these days not one shot hits the goal because of the highly organised defences.

But the goalkeeper's role has changed and he has other jobs to do which were not as prevalent in days gone by.

In many teams he is the sweeper who intercepts the through balls hit beyond the line of defence.

It is not unusual for a 'keeper to head the ball away from well outside his penalty box.

The goalkeeper plays a much more dominant role in organising his defence.

He is expected to talk possibly more than any other player on the field.

In order to do this he needs to have knowledge of outfield play, as well as being technically equipped

BY MIKE JOHNSON

Five years ago I mentioned to Frank Arok that there was a young goalkeeper at Penrith who was the best I had seen for his age since I came to Australia.

Frank did not do anything at that time, but subsequently signed Gibson after he had played a couple of seasons at national league level when Penrith were granted top league status.

I have wondered when it might be that Terry Greedy would find his goalkeeping position at Saints under threat from a younger rival.

Recently he voluntarily relinquished the position to Gibson, which speaks well of Greedy's sportsmanship, his coaching of Mike and of Gibson's progress.

However, there is another goalkeeper in this country, who according to all reports is progressing faster than any other.

He is Canberra City's Tony Franken.

I have not seen him so cannot comment.

But the Franken and Gibson stories highlight the reason for this article — the high standard of goalkeeping in this country.

Even though not rated the best goalkeeper in this country, Yakka Banovic of Melbourne now playing for Brunswick Juventus,



ST GEORGE goalkeeper MICHAEL GIBSON leaps high for cross which he takes safely.

ITALY'S WORLD-BEATER

SEASONED Juventus campaigner Gaetano Scirea will be the key figure in Italy's bid to retain the World Cup in Mexico in June.

to handle shots and headers around his goal.

He also needs to be a quick and decisive passer of the ball who can start speedy counter attacks with accurate kicks and throws.

So no longer can it be said that the goalkeeper is a "man apart".

He is an integral member of the team.

I once disagreed with Jimmy Hill (English Soccer commentator and former Fulham player) who told me that during team building while managing Coventry City he swapped a goalie for a striker.

"I rate a good striker more highly than a good goalkeeper," he said.

I rate no player above a goalkeeper.

To me he is the most influential player in the team.

Struggling teams often have inexperienced goalkeepers.

Top teams invariably have a top goalkeeper.



JIM FRASER

NOT AS STRONG

THE Hungarian World Cup squad is neither strong nor weak, manager Georgy Mezey said on the squad's arrival in Mexico.

He said the team was not as strong as the Hungarian side that reached the final in 1954, though they were the equal of the other Group C teams.

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ITALIAN manager Enzo Bearzot, a smoker, has brought seven pipes with him to Mexico, one for every match he hopes the World Cup holders will play — including the final.

CAMP SWITCHED

BRAZIL'S problem-plagued Soccer team faced yet another training camp move last Saturday — its third in two weeks.

It had to leave Toluca and moved into Mexico City beside the Aztec Stadium.

IRAQ'S ARMY

WORLD CUP finalist Iraq are being protected by an army of police and soldiers during their preparations in Mexico.



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

THERE were some funny scenes last Tuesday involving well known Melbourne journalist-photographer Les Shorrock and Olympic Airways Soccer League Executive Director Steve Kamasz.

Shorrock had flown to Sydney to oversee the publication of the OASL's monthly magazine. After the job was completed, Steve offered to drive Les back to the airport.

However, when Les went to get into the car, a problem arose. His pants split from the crutch all the way to the top of his pants. It was obvious he was in no fit state of dress to board a plane. So, they went back inside the publishers. No needle and thread could be found so they improvised and used a normal stapling machine to staple Les's pants together.

But, their plans were brought "undone" when, no sooner had Les sat in the car, the staples failed to hold the weight and fell apart.

Now, the problems began. Time was running out and Les did not want to miss the plane. So, Steve drove to Mascot and, along the way stopped at a shop and Les bought a new pair of pants.

However, the pants had to be taken in and shortened, causing a further delay.

There is a happy ending to the story. Les made the plane on time, but we would like to be a fly on the wall at Les's home when he tried to explain to his wife what happened to his pants!



PETER RASKOPOULOS

NSW midfielder PETER RASKOPOULOS was nearly dropped from the squad for the weekend's match against Queensland.

It seems 'Rasko' missed training at Parklea last Tuesday, the second time in preparation for the big match and a last minute phone call saved him from the boot.

He called coach Alan Vest to promise that he'd be at the Blues' training session on Thursday.

"I was just about to look for a replacement when Peter phoned me to tell me his car was broken down.

"I've never had any problems with him before though."

By the way, NSW won the practice match 3-1 against Sydney City during the week with Frank Farina in midfield.

OVER the past few months ASW has kept you well informed with a large dose of World Cup information but now with the kick-off on us there is an even bigger cover coming your way.

All our scribes here and abroad are ready to give you the best of the World Cup in Mexico over the next month, so stick with the strength — Australian Soccer Weekly.

ADELAIDE HELLAS have finally written off Scottish striker Willie Irvine — at least for this season.

Signed by former coach Neil McGachey during his UK trip in the close season, the big forward has been transferred by his club, Stirling Albion to Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League.

The fee was \$60,000, a figure Irving had tried to have declared void when he applied to come to Australia as a migrant.

Hibs received \$80,000 for striker Gordon Durie from English club Chelsea, and are using the money to rebuild its team, with Irving regarded as a bargain buy.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC are certainly having their share of worries in the goalscoring department.

Last week striker Stuart Stevenson was dropped because of a less than keen attitude to training.

Now coach Manfred Schaefer is seeking for some sort of attack that will produce the goods.

In fact he has been toying with the idea of shifting utility, Stuart Johnston up front to partner the out-of-form Marshall Soper and winger Chris Kalantzis.

Johnston in fact is quite at home up front, his old days with Marconi being good examples as he frequently came on as a front-runner.

ANOTHER club with more than its share of goalscoring troubles is St George.

Blessed in the defensive department the Saints have rarely shown the ability to crack a big bag of goals.

Caretaker coach Frank Lang will probably still have to do a bit of experimenting before getting the right formula.

IF YOU hadn't noticed, six OANSL clubs have already changed coaches this season.

Edmund Kreft replaced Neil McGachey at Adelaide Hellas, it was Col Bennett for Gordon Arrowsmith at Lions, Billy Williamson instead of Jim Hermiston (Brisbane City), Luca Bonacic for Miron Bleiberg at Melbourne Croatia and Steve Bryant replaced Roy Thomson in Canberra.

A FAN was seen watching the recent Adelaide Hellas-Lions game from underneath a large black umbrella. So what?

It wasn't raining. He had it up to shade his eyes from the sun!

JIMMY CANT, Canberra's Scottish free-kick, not only defends, but knows his humour.

After Canberra's recent match against Sydney Olympic, ASW was interviewing Canberra's skipper, Tommy Sermanni. Sermanni stated: "Jimmy Cant has made a big difference in our defence."

Cant nearby, on hearing his captain's statement, one-touched back with: "Not a big difference, but a **HUGE** difference."

FORMER Socceroo Col Bennett renewed old friendships when he visited Adelaide with his Lions the other week.

Many of us thought he should still be playing at 33, but the former gaunt defender said he was happy coaching.

"I know I could keep playing, but I'm thinking more of my family now," he said.

"I could play in an emergency, but at the moment I am a retired player."



STUART JOHNSTON

PETER ("CIB") RUSSELL, the NSL manager, arrived back last Saturday from a short break in England.

The friendly ex-Detective being a Chelsea fan for years, made a beeline for Stamford Bridge for the "Pensioners" last two home games.

Russell travelled all that way across to Britain to see his beloved Chelsea **LOSE** both matches at home.

But then again, one of their opponents was Liverpool.



CANBERRA's resident comedian — JIM CANT against Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzis.

COACH John Fleming had a lot to say to striker Robert Giraldi at training the week after the Leichhardt game.

Giraldi was one of six players shown the yellow card and was booked for a bad foul on goalkeeper Tony Pezano.

It was identical to a foul Giraldi committed on Blacktown keeper David Curtis earlier in the season.

"We rely a lot on controlled aggression and I don't tell my players to go over the top as some other coaches are obviously doing," Fleming said.

"I was angry that Giraldi should get a card for such a silly action and he won't be doing it again."

Giraldi has been one of the success stories of the Wolves good early-season form but he has to curb his "aggro" towards goalkeepers.

JOHNNY NYSKOHUS, the former diminutive Socceroo forward, may make a comeback as a player.

Now coaching SA State league club Beograd, he is running out of players through injuries and "sales" to national league clubs.

Paul Shillabeer was sold back to Adelaide City, and as we went to press another defender, Slavko Hancar was training with Footscray.

"It looks as if I will have to pull the boots back on," said the 33 year old Nyskohus.

FIVE WOMEN REBEL players who recently boycotted the Australian squad to travel to New Zealand for a tournament due to financial reasons, were all from NSW.

But now, the "rebels" last week received letters from the Australian Women's Soccer Association informing them that they have now all been banned from ever representing their country again.

On rebel was even the Australian captain, Julie Dolan.



Belgium's Jan Ceulemans tackles Ramon Diaz of Argentina.



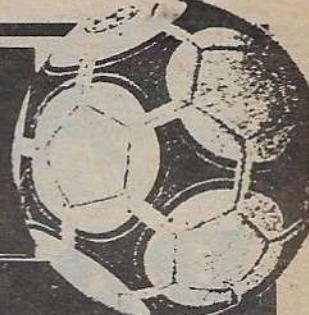
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



THERE was a lighter side to the problems referee Arthur Owens had at the recent battle of Lambert Park between Leichhardt and Wollongong City.

The referee had to be escorted from the dressing room after about 50 Leichhardt fans had waited patiently for him to emerge.

They followed him across the Lambert Park pitch, out of the gate and almost to his car.

A policeman made sure he got into the car in one piece and Owens then did a quick U-turn — **OVER DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**.

"Criminal, arrest him officer," yelled one of the crowd."

WHILE Adelaide Hellas is battling to climb into the top seven in the Southern League, its first squad list is very impressive.

It features 21 players who have played in the NSL, so it is no surprise the "reserve" team is now fourth on the SA State League First Division.

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NO longer are the ardent World Cup viewers that get up every freezing morning to turn on the tube known as **INSOMNIACS**, now they're known as **IN-SOCCERNIACS**!

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A misplaced document almost landed AEK Athens' based Socceroo—**JIM PATIKAS** in the Greek Army for 18 months.

Patikas currently starring for AEK, was ready to pack his bags and head home permanently when he learnt that he was eligible for conscription.

The confusion came about because a form which made it clear he was an Australian resident went missing in Greece. It had been signed and sent over by his father, Aris.

Jimmy it was said was shocked and scared at the prospect of being drafted in.

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ABOVE pictured is **MARK KOUSSAS**.

If you are wondering why the weekend match was played between APIA and Sydney Olympic, it was part of the deal that sent Koussas to Leichhardt.

Mark celebrated the match against his old club in fine style, by knocking in two goals.

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PAUL MARINER in action for Ipswich Town FC.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY comes to the fore once again.

In Canberra's dressing-room after the Nanda Cup Round 3 match against Sydney Olympic one of the National Capital's players had lost his money and left the rooms without knowing.

ASW's journo had to be held back from wacking the ungrateful clown.

ASW would like to sincerely thank the young Olympic boy for returning the Whacka's wallet.

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OFFICIALS of the OASL are considering introducing a series of fines for clubs whose players receive too many yellow cards as part of a concerted effort to stamp out on-field violence.

This news came after the battle last week between APIA Leichhardt and Wollongong at Lambert Park.

Three players were sent off and six received yellow cards in what proved the most spiteful game of the season.

With the league to be reduced from 24 to 14 teams for next year's Super League it seems quite clear that most clubs will be going for wins-at-all costs.

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TALKING about lost cash, ASW again on the same night at the St George Stadium during the Sydney Olympic vs Canberra City Cup match, was in the centre of things.

A Sydney Olympic fan had lost his wallet and was not aware of it.

An ASW staff-member at the game tracked down the owner who was paged over the P.A. system to come to the Press-box to collect the wallet that had been handed in by a young Sydney Olympic fan.

The young lad did not even wait for the owner of the lost wallet to thank him and split the scene.

The wallet besides the normal rubbish of driver's licence, papers etc, contained four \$100 notes.

As the ASW Journo happily handed the wallet over to the owner, the owner complained that he in fact

SO the round-ball code in Australia is going into the business of video checking now, much like other codes of football in the land down-under.

There are always two sides to the argument. Firstly that everything that happens on the field should be left there and secondly that any game that gets out of hand and is not sufficiently dealt with on the field should have the rule run over it via video.

Trial-by-video is now in.

HUGE outdoor television screens have been put up in the poorer districts of Mexico City so that residents who cannot afford tickets can view the World Cup anyway.

Reversing a previous ban, Mexico City authorities this week authorised the Mexican Fair, Exposition and Conventions Association to erect the screens in outlying districts of the sprawling capital.

The city authorities said the ban on screens had been lifted partly because of consideration for many of the poorer fans of this football-crazy nation who would be unable to afford the price of a stadium ticket.

Stadium ticket prices for a match range from about \$5.50 to about \$70 in a country where many workers earn only the minimum wage of \$5.50 a day.

Citing ticket prices, many people say they would rather watch the matches on television — either at home or on the outdoor screens. There will be no charge for viewing the games on screens.

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THE Spanish side warm-up prior to their battle yesterday with Brazil. They were more than a little hard-done by in the first clash.

WOLLONGONG CITY are preparing for a big crowd when Sydney Olympic visit Wollongong Showground on Monday.

After the 5968 roll-up for the last home game against Croatia, Wolves officials are tipping a 7000-plus attendance, but they could be disappointed.

It may sound unbelievable but the Illawarra Soccer Association has a full round of six Premier League games on that same afternoon.

They say they have been forced into this situation because their representative side play ACT in Canberra on Saturday and they have to give them a day's rest.

Once again great co-operation on the South Coast ...

WELSH star-striker MARK HUGHES, Barcelona's \$3 million-dollar signing from Manchester United, passed medical tests last week and was declared fit to play for the Spanish side pending finals tests.

Barcelona's British coach, Terry Venables, said: "I'm sure Mark will fit it very well."

As the ASW Journo happily handed the wallet over to the owner, the owner complained that he in fact

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY RALE IS NOT QUITE RIGHT

UNFORTUNATELY I am in dispute again with my old mate Rale Basic.

Rale is back in the game after a few years away from it and I am glad to see him back.

Firstly he is a personality, secondly he deserves to be involved as he has contributed to the development of the game here.

Thirdly, of course, he was in charge of Australia for the 1974 World Cup.

So far, so good.

But that's about where Rale and I see differently.

I am totally opposed to his recent public statements which lack credibility such as "Apia is the greatest club in Australia and Tony Peazzano is the best goalkeeper in Australia" as I am to his calling his players "50 cent" players.

Apia was one of the great clubs and hopefully will return to that status.

But in recent years and today they are far from the great club they once

were.

With due respect to Tony Pezzano I don't feel he is the best in Australia.

But Rale's continually referring to 1974 puts him offside with even his greatest friends.

1974 is history and Rale contributed, not solely, to it. But to take marks off other efforts, as Rale religiously does, is out of order.

His recent criticism of the last Socceroos is yet again another example of Rale living in the past.

As a coach Rale should

appreciate that in 1974 Australia had its easiest ride ever to the World Cup finals.

If you doubt me have a look at what Australia has to do in the 1966, 1970, 1974 and 1986 World Cups and tell me which one you, as coach, would have preferred to play in:

1966 v North Korea (eventual quarter finalists, beating Italy in the earlier rounds and who should have beaten Portugal in the quarter finals) Australia played North Korea twice in "neutral" Cambodia.

1970

v Japan (Olympic bronze medallists)

v South Korea

v Japan

v South Korea

All games away

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v Rhodesia

v Rhodesia

Again all games away

.....

v Israel (Tel Aviv)

v Israel (Australia)

1974

v New Zealand (away)

v New Zealand (home)

v Iraq (home twice)

v Indonesia (home twice)

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v Iraq (home and away)

v South Korea (home/away/neutral venue)

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In other words three games away in eleven games as opposed to the 1970 team's eight away and only one at home. And in 1974 these was no opponent of the strength of Israel.

1986

New Zealand (home and away)

Israel (home and away)

Taiwan (both home)

Scotland (home and away)

In all fairness South Korea or Iraq did not pose anywhere near the threat of Scotland.

If Rale sincerely believes that he should sit down and have a talk with some of his close friends.

All Socceroo teams have contributed to the



Former Socceroo captain and ASW's ACT man — JOHNNY WARREN discusses the differences between the current Socceroos and the past Green and Golds.

game's image and many, not one individual, have made achievements possible.

The sooner Rale realises that he will be more acceptable to those who once admired his contribution to the Australian game.

HOW WE SHOULD HAVE REVITALISED OUR OZ SOCCER

WE all have our own thoughts on what should be done to the Australian Soccer scene so that it may go on and realise its undoubted potential.

BY JOHNNY WARREN

However I feel the complex solutions are far beyond just mere personal and group opinions and decisions.

We should bring in a management consulting firm like Coopers and Lybrand (who revamped

the NSW Rugby League set up) or Price Waterhouse to tell how structurally and administratively we should run our game.

For the many who would no doubt have missed the following Sydney Morning Herald article on the revitalisation of Rugby League in this country, I feel it is an insight into just what Soccer should do — get professional outside opinion on how we should re-organise our game at all levels.

Rugby League was on its knees only a few years ago — now its back bigger and better than ever.

Australian Soccer is not on its knees, but is a long way from achieving its real potential.

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2	David GREEN	Defender	4. 5.63	Figtree (NSW)
3	Giacomo MORLANDO	Defender	5. 8.61	Fairy Meadow
4	Scott DICKSON	Defender	27. 5.64	Polonia (NSW)
5	Ray VLIETSTRA (c)	Defender	11. 2.64	Wollongong United
6	Brian COKEYL	Midfield	26.11.63	Sydney City
7	Robert GIRALDI	Midfield	14. 3.61	Fairy Meadow
8	Saul RIVERO	Midfield	23. 7.54	Penarol (Uruguay)
9	David BATTEN	Striker	23. 6.64	St George
10	Peter KOTAMANIDIS	Midfield	18.11.64	St George
11	Willie MURRAY	Midfield	28. 8.54	Avala
12	Larry GAFFNEY	Defender	20.10.54	Brisbane City
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14	Rade STEVANOVSKI	Midfield	1. 9.58	Wollongong Macedonia
15	Pat BRODNIK	Striker	20.10.66	Bellambi (NSW)
20	Sean BILLINGTON	Goalkeeper	30.12.61	Figtree (NSW)
	John BROWN	Midfield	25. 5.68	Wol. City Juniors
	Reg CHILBY	Defender	13. 5.60	Fairy Meadow
	Leonel ARcosa	Midfield	15. 9.57	Liverpool (Uruguay)

SAUL RIVERO

Full Name: Saul Rivero.
Nickname: 'Profesor'.
Birth date: 23-7-54.
Birth place: Uruguay.
Height: 188.
Weight: 75kg.
Club and position: Wollongong City — midfield.
Previous clubs: Liverpool, Penarol (Uruguay).
Rep. honours: Uruguay International, South American selection.
Senior debut: Age 15 with progreso (Uru).
Residence: Lake Heights, Wollongong.
Greatest moment: Nominated for Uruguay international selection.
Biggest disappointment: None.
Eye colour: Light Brown.
Hair colour: Black.
Marital status:
Occupation: Soccer player, trades assistant.
Make of car: Valiant.
avourite dish: Normal food.
avourite drink: Coke.
avourite movie: None.
Last book read: The Man who found his Destiny.
avourite performers: None in particular.
avourite music type: Modern.
Special interest/hobbies: Table tennis.
Worst injury: None.
Most embarrassing moment: None.
Ambition: To see Wolves finish in top six at end of 1986.
avourite NSL player: None.



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RAYMOND VLIETSTRA WOLLONGONG

Full name: Raymond Vlietstra.
Nickname: 'Ray'.
Birth date: 11-2-64.
Birth place: Wollongong.
Height: 182.
Weight: 79kg.
Club and position: Wollongong City — stopper/centre half (capt. 1986).
Previous clubs: Wollongong United.
Rep. honours: NSW (Juniors, Schoolboys, Youth Teams) Aust. Youth Team and Aust. U23's.
Senior debut: 1982 Wolves vs Newcastle.
Residence: Balgownie, Wollongong.
Greatest moment: Selected in Aust. Youth team, 1983.
Biggest disappointment: Not qualifying for quarter finals of WYC in Mexico in 1983.
Eye colour: Blue.
Hair colour: Blonde.
Marital status: Single.
Occupation: Student.

Make of car: Sigma.
avourite dish: Steak & Eggs.
avourite drink: Tia Maria.
avourite movie: Escape to Victory.
Last book read: History of World Cups.
avourite performers: Eagles, Little River Band, Australian Crawl.
avourite music type: Rock, Top 40'.
Special interest/hobbies: All sports, water skiing, horse riding.
Worst injury: Broken (fractured fibula) leg.
Most embarrassing moment: Own goal scored in Tasman Cup tie in High School.
Ambition: Australian National team in the World Cup.
avourite NSL Player: All Wollongong City players, Tony Franken, Frank Farina, Ralph Maier, Arno Bertogna.



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Club and position: Wollongong City — utility player.
Previous clubs: Oxford Utd., Lincoln City, in the UK.
Rep. honours: England Boys Club U/18.
Senior debut: 1970.
Residence: Wollongong (Balgownie).
Greatest moment: 1970 debut with Oxford.
Biggest disappointment: Losing games.
Eye colour: Blue.

Hair colour: Fair.
Marital status: Married.
Occupation: Truck driver.
Make of car: Datsun.
Favourite dish: Moussaka.
Favourite drink: Gin & Tonic.
Favourite movie: Rocky.
Last book read: Saigon.
Favourite performers: All top class sportsmen.
Favourite music type: All type.
Special interest/hobbies: Horse racing, reading.
Worst injury: Knee ligaments.
Most embarrassing moment: Losing 5-0 to Sydney City.
Ambition: To be successful.
Favourite NSL player: Marshall Soper.



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ARE ENGLAND A REAL WORLD CUP THREAT?

ASKS FRANK COLETTA

FOR all their impressive performances over the past few months it is unlikely that England can or will go on to play in the World Cup Final.

Against this, though, is the fact that they should qualify from the first round although their hardest match will be first up against Portugal tomorrow morning.

The English side is littered with talent but what will work against them is the fact that they will start the series at sea level, which is all well and good.

But, if they win through to the second phase and they should, they then move to the highest point of altitude in Mexico. No matter how good a team is this is bound to affect them adversely. More so England because of the climate they are used to.

But climatic problems aside, England have a whole host of players who can literally win a game on their own.

Bryan Robson is the captain and the Manchester midfielder can hold his own in any company of the highest standard. With Robson in, England should do well. If he gets

injured as he is prone to do then the Lions' roar will be a meek one.

Also in midfield with Robson is the flashy Glen Hoddle of Tottenham. Chastised for not doing enough work in the past, Hoddle has put his head down and worked on the defensive side of his game. But his strength is without doubt in attack, his searching passes and his shooting like Robson up front are almost legendary.

He also possesses a wicked free-kick. Ray Wilkins and Peter Reid will battle for the other midfield position.

Wilkins may well win out because of his passing abilities, which have become even more refined in Italy for AC Milan. This is not to say Reid's service from the midfield is anything but fabulous. He demonstrated this with aplomb in the FA Cup Final when he set up Gary Lineker's goal for Everton.

Reid may get the nod on the other hand for his vigor in defence.

In defence is the classy, Kenny Sansom. Possibly in the top three bracket of best left backs in the game.

Behind him is the keeper many believe is the best



ONE OF ENGLAND'S TRUMP-CARDS, MARK HATELEY EMBRACES GIUSEPPE BERGOMI after Italy had beaten England in Mexico last year.

in the world at the moment. Southampton's Peter Shilton who holds 80 caps and is 36 years of age.

But it is up front where everything will hinge and

in Lineker England possess a truly world class player and goalscorer.

At 25 Lineker has the world at his feet and he could well take this chance

by the scruff of the neck.

He will be supported up front by either Mark Hateley, Peter Beardsley, Kerry Dixon, John Barnes or Chris Waddle.

Captain Robson is claiming that this England squad is the best since his nation captured the world title 20 years ago.

As England were beating hosts Mexico 3-0 Robson said that his side was confident of success.

"We have an excellent squad with a fine mixture of youth and experience to do the required job.

"Man for man we have players as good as any of the competing teams and our build-up has been excellent.

"We've not lost in our last 10 outings and when you look at the build-up and results of some of the other teams we are well satisfied with our preparations.

"Certainly it won't be easy — there's no such thing as an easy World Cup and every game is a final."

"Naturally there will be a great deal of pressure but I'm sure we can handle it.

"Players such as Peter Shilton, Gary Lineker, Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley thrive on this, and experience it week-in week-out.

"I am confident we can make the world sit up and take notice of us in Mexico."

Robson himself went to Mexico with doubts over his nagging hamstring and shoulder injuries but he quickly dispelled any doubts after a couple of training runs and hard workouts in the altitude of Colorado.

"I had a couple of runs and a hard workout in the gym and then the game against Mexico, I feel great," he said.

"I wanted to see how I would feel after running at altitude and it was very comfortable."

NOW THAT STRIKES ARE OVER LET'S GET ON WITH PLAYING FOOTBALL!

UNTIL a day or two ago the World Cup Finals weren't the only thing dominating the minds of the Portuguese squad ... in fact a strike was!

The chairman of the Portuguese FA, Silva Resende arrived in Mexico late last week to end the players' strike that threatened to wreck Portugal's chances even before a ball was kicked.

He met with the players to clear up their grievances over payments.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Earlier, the president of Portugal, Mario Soares, appealed to both sides to stop their bickering and called on them to let good sense prevail.

Even as Resende, who is also vice-president of UEFA, was flying to Mexico, the Portuguese World Cup players, who went on strike last Sunday, were laying down conditions in their row with the federation over bonus money.

The players, who failed to turn out for a friendly match against a local club on Tuesday, refused to reveal the exact amount of money they are fighting over, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of \$750 a match.

"We were unhappy with our daily allowance, our appearance money and our share of the advertising pool," said goalkeeper

er and captain Manuel Bento.

"We are unhappy and sorry that it reached such an impasse but we spent five months before even coming to Mexico trying to open negotiations with the federation, but they wouldn't talk to us."

But once all the differences were resolved Portugal got down to some serious training at Saltillo in preparation for their first match with England tomorrow morning.

But Portugal have everything going for them. They are dark horses, brilliant but inconsistent and if they get all the squabbling behind them and the problem of the climate they should prove a real threat.

In the 1984 European Championships in France they were at their best. True class, going out unluckily to eventual champions France in the semi-finals on penalties.

Portugal's king-pin has got to be Fernando Gomes, twice European Golden Boot winner for being the top scorer in a European season.

Not many footballers in action today have scored as many times as Gomes. The 30-year-old is the idol of the FC Porto fans. Six times he has been the top-scorer in the Portuguese League.

Mexico represents a great occasion for Gomes to show the world just how good he is.

In winger Paulo Futre,

Portugal have an attacker capable of destroying many a fullback and he has already delivered a warning to England to "watch out".

Manager Jose Torres uses the 4-4-2 system, with a rigid zonal defence pattern. Between the sticks is the veteran captain Bento, then there is Porto's Joao Pinto on the right and Augusto Inacio on the left of the defensive line. Chalana and Futre are the terrors that support Gomes whilst Carlos Manuel lends a hand from the middle of the park. In fact he scored the winner in a shock Portuguese success over West Germany during the qualifiers last year.

Rui Jordao is the navigator of most moves com-



CHALANA AGAINST PAOLO ROSSI.

ing from the middle, whilst Sousa, capable of some smashing goals is always lurking.

If Portugal can overcome all the internal haggling it will definitely be

in the reckoning until the end. In fact if everything goes well it could be the surprise packet in the quarter-finals and possibly the semis, but only if the players get their house in order.



THE PORTUGUESE LINE-UP.



PORUGAL'S INVENTIVE MIDFIELDER AND GOALSCORER CHALANA. A SAMPLE OF HIS SHOOTING POWER WAS GIVEN IN THE 1984 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, WITH ONE MEMORABLE SHOT AGAINST RUMANIA THAT ABSOLUTELY RATTLED THE CROSSBAR.

POLAND - THE HEAT WILL AFFECT THEM

THE POLES can be well satisfied with the Group they are in but not with their most recent form.

BY FRANK COLETTA

This form indicates they will struggle in Mexico. In their last two matches they have gone down 3-0 to the USSR and 1-0 to Denmark. Prior to that losses such as 2-0 at the hands of World Champions Italy did little

finished third in both the 1974 and 1982 Finals.

That is why they were seeded in Mexico and head the Group in Monterrey, a hot, dusty bowl which could pose the same problems as England.

Over the past 39 years the daily temperature in Monterrey has been 30 degs. celsius, at playing time it could up to anything like 40 degrees.

There are no altitude problems at Monterrey as it is the lowest of all

Their main weapon will of course be Zbigniew Boniek of AS Roma.

A more withdrawn player these days the long striding runs of Boniek are not seen often enough for Poland, but if he does get back into this frame of mind he will represent much danger for any opposition.

Keeper Mlynarcyk has regained his reliable touch since he joined the ranks of Portuguese champions FC Porto. He will obviously have a few

while Smolarek too, is no longer the bundle of energy of old.

But in Mexico the qualities of thought may be more important than those of speed. One cannot see many players being able to play a normal 'European' game based on explosive bursts.

Manager Piechniczek has done well to reduce the average age of the squad to 23. His own record isn't too bad and he has won the matches that mattered although his team hasn't always convinced in attack.

Players to watch are of course, Boniek, a world class star at 30 and a genuine match winner. The most expensive Polish footballer who made an impact in Italian football first with Juventus and now with Roma. His countrymen must hope that his explosive speed-off-the-mark hasn't completely diminished and that his dribbling skills and lethal finishing are on show in Mexico. On his shoulders rest Polish hopes in the 'Mundial'.

Then there is 26-year-old midfielder Andrzej Buncol of Legia Warsaw,



MUCH of Poland's World Cup hopes are pinned on this man, ZBIGNIEW BONIEK.

who at his top is one of the best in Poland.

If Smolarek can find the form that had him

named as the best player in Poland in 1984 then Poland will receive a huge boost.

AS we went to press the score in the Poland-Morocco game was still 0-0.



THE Polish side prepare for battle.

to boost their morale. But they must feel some confidence in the fact that their actual World Cup Finals record of recent times is far superior to those of their Group F counterparts.

This qualification is the fourth in succession for the Poles and they

venues and teams who in later stages have to climb to higher centres will certainly be handicapped.

Poland's great strength lies in the midfield where stars such as Dziekanowski, Buncol, Urban and Matysik present a good blend with the attackers.

things to tell manager Antoni Piechniczek about the Portuguese.

Being one of the senior members of the squad Mlynarcyk will be an asset in the difficult conditions.

Up front it is a fact that Boniek has slowed down,

INJURY STILL WORRIES TOUGH FRENCH ACE

TOUGH French midfielder Luis Fernandez is worried about an ankle injury he fears could wreck his World Cup dreams.

The 26-year-old twisted his right ankle and missed France's warm-up match with Guatemala in Mexico last week.

Fernandez, who will earn a reported \$65,000 a month next season following his transfer from

champions Paris St Germain to newly promoted Racing Club, said: "I've been suffering for five days with this problem and I'm afraid it might be a ligament.

"I've asked for x-rays and if the injury is deep-

seated I could go back to France."

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OHANA TO MAKE HIS NSL DEBUT AGAINST CANBERRA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ELLI OHANA, Israeli's World Cup left striker, is expected to make his NSL debut next Sunday for Sydney City against the visiting Canberra City Olympians at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Ohana arrived last Saturday morning from Tel Aviv, but Sydney City's coach, Eddie Thomson will not use him for tomorrow night's match in Brisbane for the Nanda Soccer Cup round 3 clash.

"At this stage, although Ohana is a striker, I don't really know where I am going to play him on Sunday.

"I have so many options that I can take with him.

"Our strike-line of Frank Farina, John Kosmina and Grant Lee, has been playing well and I am reluctant to break it up at this stage. But obviously a player of Ohana's calibre has to be included in the team somewhere.

"I could use him as an attacking midfielder, but as I said before, I have still to decide and will make my decision after our match up in Brisbane tomorrow night," Thomson said.

The World Cup Israeli star is best remembered by Australian fans when he received a red card in Melbourne during the second half in Israel's Oceania elimination clash against Australia.

The highly emotional striker was reluctant to leave the field and had to be assisted from the pitch by his Israeli officials as he burst into tears.

Sydney City's sweeper, Alex Robertson is in doubt for Sunday's match. Robertson had to pull out of the NSW squad beaten 1 nil last Sunday by Queensland in Brisbane.

Should Robertson be unavailable, Gerardo Gomez could switch from the midfield to sweeper behind Steve O'Connor and Ohana slot into the left side of midfield with Murray Barnes and Joe Watson shifting across the centre-line one spot.

Meanwhile, Canberra City has strung together some pretty fair results recently.



AUGUSTO PALACIOS

Tommy Sermanni's soldiers are riding a small crest of a wave at the moment, following their sensational victory over the high flying Sydney Olympic in last Friday night's Cup clash.

Canberra with their Peruvian striker, Augusto Palacios playing extremely well since his comeback from a dislocated elbow, together with the magnifi-

cent goalkeeper, Anthony Franken keeping wickets with world class efficiency, the lads from the National Capitol will be out to give the NSL Champs a real run for their money.

Canberra's efficient

midfield skipper, Tommy Sermanni, said: "I make no predictions. We are taking every game one at a time and we will do the same with Sydney City."

Canberra now has Terry Byrne back on deck in the sweeper's role which has injected much experience and confidence to their last line.

APIA DOWNS SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA Leichhardt, second last placed from the bottom of the league ladder, defeated Sydney Olympic 3-2 at Lambert Park on Sunday.

The match which was arranged as part of Mark Koussas' transfer to Apia from Olympic was an exhibition clash.

However, the former Sydney Olympic striker, Koussas showed a welcomed return to form by scoring two of the goals against his former club.

Fellow striker, Tony Morsello added the third for Apia.

Sydney Olympic, who did not field a full

strength side, scored their goals through the ever reliable utility player, Stuart Johnston whilst the other came from their recently returned striker, Terry Patalis.

Olympic's star striker, Marshall Soper, is believed to have asked his club for a transfer.

The Sydney Olympic board is meeting tonight to discuss the player's request.

'ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY'

BLACKTOWN CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA



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THE GONG AIMS TO STAY TOP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WOLLONGONG CITY expects a big crowd next Monday on the Queen's Birthday long weekend at the Wollongong Showground when they meet the visiting Sydney Olympic.

Wollongong aims to still be on top of the NSL ladder after full time.

The highly fancied Sydney Olympic although still the only undefeated side in the NSL has seen its form slip over the last few weeks to be held to a draw five times.

Last Friday they were knocked out of the Nanda Soccer Cup by Canberra and last Sunday in an exhibition match with Apia, lost 3-2 at Lambert Park.

Star striker, Marshall Soper, after the Canberra match, immediately asked Olympic for a transfer while their other star-striker, Stuart Stevenson has still not settled in with his new club.

But while Olympic is having its problems, everything seems to be going smoothly for John Flemming's Wollongong City.

Leading the NSL ladder with 12 points from their eight matches played to

date, Wollongong City has scored only 11 goals but have conceded only five.

Sydney Olympic trailing Wollongong by one point on the ladder, have scored a massive 18 goals and given away nine.

Wollongong's strength this season stems from their unyielding defence which has been so gallantly led by their blond centre-back skipper, Ray Vlietstra.

Vlietstra, a former World Youth Championship defender, has made a comeback, after breaking a leg, to play the best Soccer of his career.

Wollongong's South American pair, Saul Rivero and Leon Acosta have added much flair and colour to the South Coasters while David Green, Jock Morlando and former Sydney City man, Willie Murray are playing some great stuff for Wollongong.

Australian Youth International Mark Jones was the destroyer on Saturday with a hattrick.

The first came from the penalty spot after Ralph Maier was brought down inside the box.

Jones made it 2-0 after 17 minutes with a well struck volley on the turn to beat Bruce James in the Marconi goal.

Two minutes after half time Craig Mason reduced Rosebuds lead with a close range header.

But Rosebuds made the result secure in the 53rd minute as Jones, Bobby Naumov and Sean Ingham combined brilliantly to produce Jones' third goal.

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NEW ARGENTINE TO BE RUSHED INTO MARCONI'S SIDE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI next Sunday gets set for their match of the year, "The Italian Job" when they clash at Marconi Stadium with their long time arch rivals, Apia. Marconi's second Argentine signing, Osvaldo El'ali arrives in Australia tomorrow and will play in this Italian Derby.

El'ali aged 24, is a left winger and formally played with Argentinos Juniors.

With Mark Jankovics' fitness still under a cloud, and David Lowe also doubtful, the Argentine's arrival couldn't have been timed better.

Les Scheinflug's Marconi will start this match as definite favourites as Apia's recent results have not been spectacular.

But despite Apia's poor recent results, last Sunday in an exhibition match

against Sydney Olympic at Lambert Park, Apia defeated last year's National Cup winners 3-2.

Two of the goals scored for Apia were netted by nuggety striker, Mark Koussas who has at last hit form, whilst a third was struck by Tony Morsello.

This augurs well for Apia on Sunday.

Apia to date have scored only eight goals in their eight League matches and have conceded 12.

Marconi have knocked

in 14 and conceded 10.

Scheinflug said last night:

"These derby matches have always meant a lot to the two clubs and they have always been very hard encounters.

"I will definitely play El'ali on Sunday."

Marconi's line-up should be:

James: Carter, Sterrey, Wheatley, Rizzotto: Gray, Janin, Mason, Tredinnick: Jankovics, Brown, Lowe, Elali (two strikers to be omitted).

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

AN ORIGIN BATTLE?

THE Queensland Soccer Federation could push for a State of Origin interstate clash next season.

QSF president and Australian Soccer Federation vice-president, Ian Brusasco, believes the idea could have a lot of merit and could inject more interest into interstate football.

Rugby League revived its interstate series five years ago when a State of Origin format was introduced. It also enabled Queensland to win the series.

According to Brusasco, if State of Origin Soccer was introduced the eligibility rules would have to be carefully thought out and clearly defined as Soccer with its many imports and considerably more active

transfer market differs somewhat from rugby league.

But one suggestion has been that a player's state of origin would be the one in which he played his first Australian senior football match.

The thought of a State of Origin Queensland Soccer team excites many within the code in the Sunshine State.

Players from the south who would be eligible to wear the Maroon could include, Frank Farina, Alan Hunter, Manis Lamond, Ray Junna, and David Ratcliffe. Others who have had stints in Queensland and many

come under consideration depending on the rules include Larry Gaffney, Tony Pezzano, Tony Brennan, Paul Ontong and Tony Redmond. And there would be others come out of the wood-work once the rules were set and backgrounds investigated.

Of course, there would be other players who have been regulars for Queensland and New South Wales who suddenly could be out of the running. John Kosmina, a former Adelaide player, is one who immediately springs to mind.

Brusasco is likely to investigate the alternatives when the QSF management committee reviews this year's interstate promotion, held last weekend at Perry Park.

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is believed to be formulating a plan to ensure the code does not suffer if one of both of the state's National League teams are axed at the end of the season.

With Soccer competing against rugby league, rugby union and Australian rules in Queensland, image and promotion is vital, and there are some within the QSF who fear Queensland Soccer could face an image problem if Lions and Brisbane City are unceremoniously dumped from the National League.

The QSF has always left spaces for the two clubs in its top competition, and QSF president Ian Brusasco has always campaigned for the two clubs to decide their own destiny and return to the XXXX League. Brusasco maintains the return of the two clubs would make for the best local competition ever.

But that point aside, sponsors and supporters of Queensland Soccer would find it hard to understand the complex formula and politics which could force City and Lions out of the NSL.

To combat any negative feelings towards the code, the QSF is planning to launch the state team into a hectic representative program in 1987.

Already plans have been finalised to play a series at home against Fiji and it has been revealed the QSF is negotiating with teams in New Zealand. QSF secretary Alan Vessey recently flew to Auckland for talks.

And the QSF also is examining proposals from overseas teams for Down Under tours.

"The Queensland team is Queensland Soccer's most valuable asset. People in other codes judge our competitiveness by the performance of our state team," Vessey said.

Vessey will not comment further on the 1987 plans for fear of preempting any NSL decisions but he did confirm that the QSF was not just sitting back and waiting

for things to happen within the NSL.

"The 14 teams for next year will not be known until late in the year. We

have to start planning now for next season and it would suffice to say at this stage that we have considered all alternatives," he said.

MARTIN KIRSOOPP

MARTIN Kirsopp is the name on everyone's lips in Queensland Soccer at the moment and that's made his XXXX League club Mount Gravatt at little nervous.

count.

And this season, he is among the favourites again.

"I just like playing football and Mount Gravatt are a great club to play for. I am more than happy at Dittmer Park," Kirsopp said, refusing to at this stage even contemplate a move to NSL.

But his coach Eric Thompson has no doubts that the approaches will eventually come.

"At first a lot of people dismissed Marty because they thought he was too small but he has shown in three years of Brisbane football that he can more than hold his own. There's a few players around the place who will vouch for how tough he is in the tackle," Thompson said.

"But at this level, things at times come too easy for Marty. I have no doubts that the better player around him, the better Marty will play."

What will further enhance Kirsopp's appeal to other clubs is that he recently gained his permanent residency, subject to a routine medical.

"We are grateful for the work Senator Ron Bostock did there and its comforting to know that Marty's in Australia for good. Marty's a real Mount Gravatt boy now, and for that reason I think he would be with us for a while yet," Lonton said.

HONOURS SHARED

THE honours were shared when two of Queensland Soccer's fiercest rivals clashed in the XXXX League recently — and a score still has to be settled.

Mount Gravatt and Grant Thistle played a 1-1 draw in what was billed as the grudge match of the season. Rivalry between the two clubs has existed since the dominated the early days of the State League.

The rivalry waned a little in recent seasons until recently when Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson tipped petrol on the smouldering embers with a swipe at Thistle in his weekly column in the QSF publication, Go Soccer.

Thompson predicted Thistle would be relegated and added "they have contributed nothing to the competition and will not be missed.

Thistle answered those accusations by staging a brilliant start to the season and were looking for the ultimate revenge by downing the Hawks at home. The draw didn't quite fulfil those hopes that Grange will be gunning for Thompson again in the second round at Lanham Park.

But Thompson conceded the northside club had made its point.

"We blitzed them, but we didn't win so I guess I have to carry the can," he said.

"But it was good to get a bit more feeling back into Brisbane Soccer and I sometimes wish a few

others would be willing to put their necks on the block.

"I think it's all part of the game and helps build atmosphere."

After a weekend off because of the interstate clash, the XXXX League resumes this weekend with the table exciting tightly packed.

Shock losses in the last round by the previously undefeated Easts and North Star have left the competition wide open. And most of the leaders clash against each other this weekend.

Grange Thistle have a local derby against North Star and there certainly should be plenty of feeling in the Lanham Park clash. It will be a return to their former home ground for North Star's Gordon Buchanan and Dave Gallagher and player-coach Ian Fagan.

Easts and Mount Gravatt also will play their southside derby. Players have regularly switched between the two clubs over the years and clashes and two sides area always tough.

Ipswich United, the other team among the leading pack has the seemingly easier tie against lowly Taringa and could gain a jump on its rivals.

GARY THORNTON-WAITE, SBS-TV's Executive Sports producer, cannot be accused of not being a real team leader of his production squad.

Early yesterday morning when his crew was bringing in live from Mexico the Brazil vs Spain match, Gary supplied everybody with bacon, eggs, toast, jam, coffee and tea. And all out of his own pocket.

No mean feat at that, considering he had no less than 16 people to accommodate plus the fact that he supplied all the necessary cutlery and crockery and did most of the cooking to boot.

Well done Gazza, but the bread lasted for a few minutes.

SBS TV has a special stock of guests all lined up to present with Les Murray the telecasts from Mexico. Resident guest, former Australian World Cup captain, Johnny Warren, will be joined by Les Scheinflug, Eddie Thomson, Atti Abonyi and Frank Arok over the next few mornings.

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PETER KATHOLOS, Sydney Olympic's powerful left-midfielder, arrives back in Australia next Saturday. Already two Sydney NSL clubs are after Peter's services.

Katholos has spent the last five months in Greece with last year's Cup holders, Larissa.



David Ratcliffe . . . driving force for St George

CANCELLED TOUR DAMPENS SPIRITS

THE cancellation of Queensland's proposed tour of Papua New Guinea this season was disappointing for players who had made tour selection their season target — and Mark Brusasco could have reason to be more disappointed than most.

Brusasco has been one of the most consistent players in the XXXX League this season and would have been a certainty for selection.

The powerful striker is in his second year with Ipswich club Coalstars and is playing best football of his career. Under coach Brian Styles, who Brusasco highly rates, Brusasco is not only mak-

ing goals but scoring them as well.

His good form has compensated for the poor star to the season by Dave Wheeler, a state squad member last season. Brusasco switched from Easts to Coalstars particularly to team with the Englishman but has outshone Wheeler in all departments.

Brusasco, 25, suffered some cruel jibes when he won the Rothman's medal four years ago — being the son of QSF president Ian Brusasco.

But Mark has always shown great character to ignore the fools and if he continues his current form he could really silence them with a second medal win this season.

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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

SHELLHARBOUR coach John Boyle got the right response from winger Colin Carragher and midfielder John Lloyd when he dropped them from his first grade team for the game against Port Kembla.

The two players were axed because they missed training the previous Tuesday night and didn't have an excuse.

After reading the riot act to his players at training, Boyle told the absenteers they would not be in his team to meet Port Kembla.

"I have to have more commitment from my

players; they have to show a bit more dedication to the club and everyone connected with it," Boyle said.

Carragher went on in first grade as a replacement and scored the winning goal as Shellharbour got home 2-1.

Lloyd played reserve grade and grabbed a hat-

trick as Shellharbour thrashed Port Kembla 7-1.

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WHEN defender Ian Witheridge was shown the red card in the game against Aris he became the fifth West-Figtree player to take an early shower this season.

At that stage the club had also accumulated 17 yellow cards and no wonder officials were getting annoyed.

The committee lined up their players the Thursday night before the Aris match and pleaded with them to "reform."

Paul Cole (twice), Rob Noakes and Phil Brown were the previous recipients of red cards in what is proving a disastrous season for the Graham Park club.

Incidentally, against

Aris, Witheridge scored his team's goal before he left the scene but Aris romped home 6-1.

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WARILLA WANDERS coach Eddie Mullan made a scathing attack on Illawarra coach Robert Fryer after Fryer overlooked Warilla goalkeeper Joe Seco for his squad to meet ACT in Canberra on Saturday.

Mullan said it was beyond him how Fryer could forget about Seco, particularly as original selection Fabio Fabrieni became unavailable because of cracked ribs.

Then Fryer went for his own club "keeper, Theo Kalamandis, but he broke a wrist against Fernhill and is also out of action. Fryer's third choice was

Fernhill's Craig Armour but after what has happened so far it is a wonder anyone wants to take on the job — it seems a jinx selection.

GEORGE TODOROVSKI made an impressive debut with State League Wollongong Macedonia when they beat neighbours Fairy Meadow 1-0.



GEORGE TODOROVSKI

South Australia

WITH TOM MCKAIN

WILLY McNALLY, Adelaide City goalkeeper who has much to do with the team's current success in the Southern League, will make a late bid to be included in the Socceroos' squad.

He was due to attend this month's camp (June) in Melbourne but was shattered by a thumb injury which will keep him out of the game for six weeks.

However, SA State coaching director, Mike Wells, has assured McNally he will ask national coach Frank Arok not to delete him from his list of possibles for the Socceroos international program this year.

"I was looking forward to the camps and a chance to show what I can do," said a despondent McNally.

"I know it would have

been a long haul to make the final squad, but I felt good and my form has been good.

"I was keen to get into camp. Even that would have been an experience."

The colourful Irish-born, and accented, custodian has his right arm in plaster, which also covers most of his hand to protect a wired thumb-joint.

"The injury seemed simple enough at the time," said McNally.

"I came out to punch a ball clear in our match against George Cross and allowed through with my fist which hit Carl Gilder

on the head.

"Carl said afterwards he didn't even feel the punch, but my thumb hurt.

"I played on with it taped, and thought it was only jarred.

"But the docs found the joint had been ripped and they had to wire me up."

McNally has remained in training after being given permission by the medics to do any of the routines — provided he does not use his injured hand.

"I can't do all that much, but if I can keep the rest of me sharp I shouldn't take long to get my hand going again," he said.

It is this attitude which could impress Arok when McNally does get a chance in camp.

"He is one of the best trainers I have ever seen," said Wells, who had McNally in his team at the end of last year when SA

won the DCM trophy in an international series in India.

"He would be an Arok man as far as training and keenness go".

Another City player, centre back Neville Flounders, is also battling to make one of Arok's camps.

He injured his back and stomach muscles at work, but hopes to be fit for the first camp on June 18 and 19 in Melbourne.

Flounders is another "trainaholic", and like McNally is bursting to get a chance of playing for Australia.

He is still holding an English passport, but is in the process of becoming an Australian citizen.

Flounders and McNally will be joining team-mates Steve Maxwell, Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta in camp along with Adelaide Hellas pair Robbie Dunn and Alan Scott.



WILLIE McNALLY

JUVENTUS SINK CROATIA

A ROGER MIES goal in the 33rd min. of their State League North 8th round game gave Juventus a well deserved victory over a desperate Croatia.

The game, which was transferred from Prospect to Invermay Park due to a waterlogged Juventus pitch, was played in chilly and overcast conditions.

Both teams played open, attacking Soccer in the first half in the hope of notching up an early lead, but, although many opportunities were created by both teams, it was Juventus that was the more menacing.

Baxter caused much havoc with his long throws into the penalty area, and coach, Leighton Hodge, added a delightful and effective exhibition of skills.

The breakthrough came 12 mins. before halftime when Mies ran onto a through-ball, evaded a crude tackle by keeper Grainger, and recovered to blast the ball into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

Croatia had an opportunity to equalise

from the ensuing restart. They caught the Juventus defense napping, but the shot hit the crossbar.

Juventus closed the game up after the interval in an effort to maintain their slender lead; while Croatia pressed relentlessly for an equaliser.

Schiebl, Spurgeon and Morley all either missed or had shots saved by the Juve defense.

Hodge substituted himself for Hemsley to strengthen the defense and, bar a couple of forays forward, survived the Croatian onslaught to claim two valuable points.

Juventus move into third place in the league table; but Croatia slip further from the title-race. They have the unfortunate statistics of having lost to the four top teams (all above them on the ladder) and all losses took place on their own soil.

While Juve were clawing to a victory, George-

town, via a Sawson hat-trick took the honours over a spirited Olympic, Devonport scraped in over a determined Burnie in appalling weather conditions, and Launceston United gained their first two points of the season over Matic, courtesy of two penalties by Chris Gambols.

Round 8 results: Juventus (Mies) d Croatia 1-0, Launceston United (Gambols, 2) d Matic (Mac Kenzie) 2-1, Georgetown (Sawdon, 3, Hughes 2, Gaitani) d River-side Olympic (Stewart) 6-1, Devonport (Best, McKenna, Frame) d Burnie (Luttmann, Jones) 3-2, Western Suburbs v Ulverstone — postponed.

Ladder (after Rnd. 8):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	8	8	0	0	30	3	16
Devonport	8	6	1	1	120	6	13
Juventus	8	6	0	2	25	7	12
Ulverstone	7	5	1	2	31	11	11
Croatia	8	4	0	4	18	11	8
Burnie	8	3	1	4	17	15	7
Matic	8	1	2	5	7	22	4

Parker opened the scoring with a 23rd min. goal. It was not until the 78th min. when Metro's Clamp equalised. But it was shortlived as Murtagh settled the issue with the winner only a minute later.

Round 7 results: Rapid (Blake) d Howrah 1-0, Caledonians (Par-

ker, Murtagh) d Metro (Clamp) 2-1, Juventus-Pioneer v White Eagles (postponed). Glenorchy-

Croatia v Olympia-WPL (postponed).

JOHN TSCHEPPEERA



ACTION from the Juventus-Pioneer-Croatia clash.

Todorovski played with Preston in the NSL during the 1982 and 1983 season and was with Macedonian second division side Balkan before coming to Australia for his second stint.

Originally with Vardar, Todorovski says he likes to play in midfield or defence but prefers the sweeper role.

He will strengthen what is already a formidable Macedonia defence as they conceded just four goals in their first eight games.

When they kept a clean sheet against Fairy Meadow it completed four games without goalkeeper Geoff Robinson having to pick the ball out of the back of his net.

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WHEN Premier League champions Bulli played Shellharbour on Sunday it ended a long drought for Bulli.

It was almost two years since they had been allotted a Sunday match of the day and they went right through last season without one, even though they won the title.

Ironically the Shellharbour game wasn't what you could call an attractive fixture and there wasn't a very big crowd.

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan says the players aren't always that keen to be involved in the match of the day. "It means they can't go out the night before," he said.

"The club would like to have one occasionally to raise a bit of money and the committee is hoping they might get a decent crowd-pulling game at Slacks Flat before the end of the season."

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YOU might say Warilla Wanderers and Unanderra finished "all-square" when they met twice in the one weekend at the same ground.

On the Saturday, Warilla won their league match 2-0 with the in-form Jim Calci getting a goal in each half.

The following day, Warilla made the long trek back to Elizabeth Park but this time lost 2-1 in a shock Bampton Cup result.

In another third round Cup surprise, Mittagong managed to beat premier league opponents Port Kembla 3-2 "over the mountain" adding to the worried of Port Kembla coach Joe Moreno.

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SIX of the Canadian players involved in last Monday's 3-0 defeat by Wales were sent back to Colorado Springs for more altitude training. Manager Tony Waiters said he was not punishing David Norman, Bob Lennarduzzi, Terry Moore, Carl Valentine, Mike Sweeney and Pasquale Deluca, but feels they were not ready for Mexico.

REQUEST

I respectfully request that you point the following in your junior gossip column.

It is now evident that a number of teams will receive two competition points, due to Sydney City U/14 Youth League side touring overseas, without even taking the field.

What about the other teams in the competition who have to play a very good team in order to get the opportunity to possibly gain two points, this puts these teams at a distinct disadvantage and in a grossly unfair situation which should not be allowed to occur.

All teams train very hard in order to achieve a high level of skills so that they can give of their best on the field but it is very disheartening to see a situation that makes a mockery of all this hard work.

I would like through your column to invite all associations to write to the NSWASF and voice their disapproval of this shocking state of the affairs and demand that Sydney City U/14 Youth League team be expelled from the competition forthwith.

I thought Australia was renowned for its fair play and sportsmanship, but it appears this situation no longer exists.

Concerned Parent
Kareela

ETHNIC ROW REVIVED

AFTER reading this section of your newspaper last week, I was absolutely shocked to read that an 80-year-old "POM" wrote a letter and made what I thought to be very racist comments.

There were certain sections of his letter which I was shocked to read.

And I quote "You can't expect Australians to watch teams with names like Juventus, Hellas, Croatia etc." The only comment I can make about this section in his letter is — where would Australian Soccer be without the Croatian, Greek and other ethnic communities?

This same man goes to say: "In the 1960's every team played the same formation — two full-backs three half-backs and FIVE forwards."

All I can say to this is

we do not live in the 1960's.

Then this same man goes on to say that Soccer will never develop in Australia under the present set-up. He then says, and this is his most remarkable comment, "If an Australian-British League was formed with local names and no migrants or their descendants allowed to participate."

Can't you just see it now-Parramatta vs Manly. Crowd 101. Sounds like a rugby game — not Soccer.

Tony Dzaja,
Fadden ACT

TURN TO THE YOUTH LEAGUE

I buy ASW every week, as I have two sons playing in the Youth League so I turn to the "Junior Game" written by Tony Raciti.

Instead of interesting news regarding youth all he ever seems to do is criticise coaches, administrators and Parklea Swimming Pool not being clean.

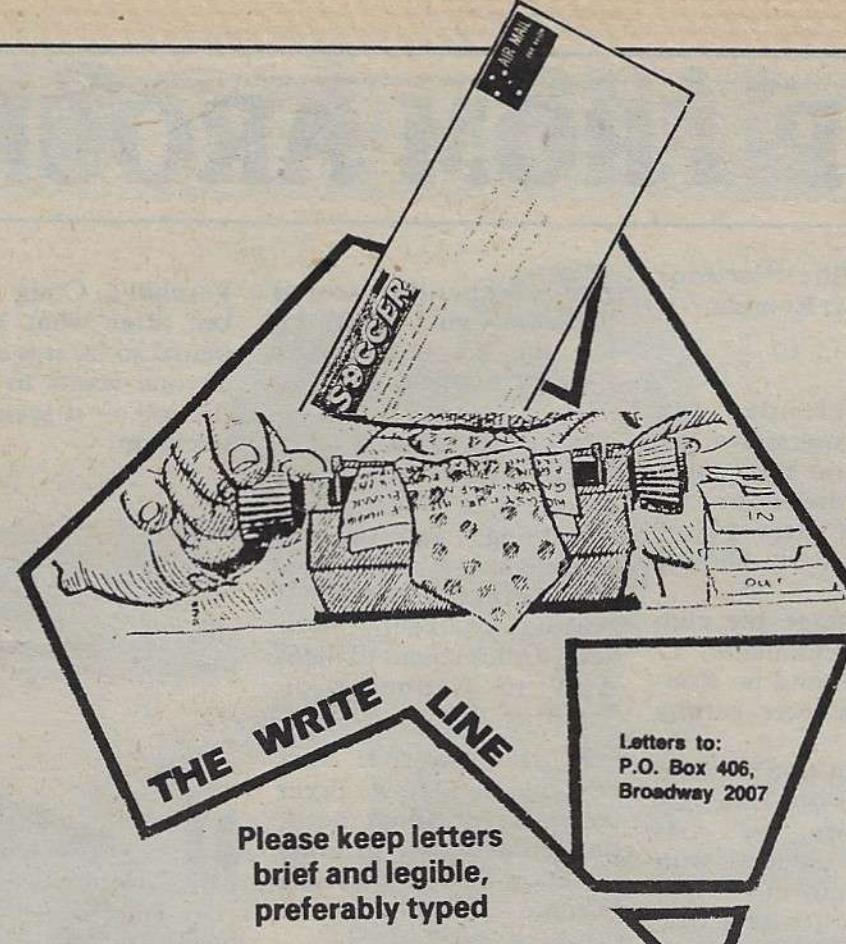
Who cares? It is only his opinion most probably not shared by many.

He must be so jealous of certain people that all he can do when he gets pen to paper is to criticise them.

Before he writes about these people he should have a good look at his own behaviour.

So, how about news about the boys and their games and not Mr Raciti's Ravings.

J. Petrow,
Manly Vale.



FRED

I buy your Soccer paper every week and I was amazed to read that so many people were interested in the whereabouts of ex international player Fred Dayney.

I ran into Fred last week at Eastwood when he was playing Soccer for Schofield in the 1st Division Inter Urban. He told me he was playing to keep fit and he still enjoys it, but said that he would like to coach a top team like Sydney City, Croatia or any other.

Fred feels that a lot of coaches are getting the jobs because of their name. He said he is a great believer that a good coach is one who has been through the mill

and one who is able to read the game quickly and change tactics rapidly when required.

Fred these days has another hobby in which he has been making a name for himself.

He usually acts as an M.C. at weddings and usually does a floor show with impersonations of Jolson, Elvis and others.

So for all those interested in getting in touch with Fred for anything from Soccer to entertaining here at last is his phone no. 674 1318 p.m.

John Taylor

MONEY, MONEY

I WENT last Sunday to

watch Wollongong against Sydney Croatia and, along with many others, was surprised with what I had to pay at the gate.

Usually, when I take my wife and three kids to a game in Sydney it costs me \$13 all up — \$5 per adult and \$1 per child.

However, in Wollongong I would have had to have paid \$21 for entrance fee. There was, however a family discount but I still had to pay \$15.

The point is, why aren't entrance fees the same for all games?

Also, I would like to say that I believe the major problem for spectator riots and unrest is the fact that at some grounds, alcohol is being

said he regretted having let Maradona carry "the banner of Argentine Soccer".

On whether Maradona was as good as or better than Pele, Menotti said that comparison could be made only after the Argentine had won more than 15 national championships, three World Cups and scored more than 1,400 goals as Pele had.

sold.

M. Matich,
Blacktown

YOU ARE THE GREATEST... NOW HELP ME!

I am a Soccer fan. I have been buying your newspaper for the last two years and I reckon it's the best Soccer publication in Australia.

I am a Wollongong City Wolves supporter and Ray Vlietstra is my favourite player.

I would like to obtain information on him. I know I can count on you because if ASW doesn't

know the information nobody else does. Because ASW is the BEST.

1. I know he started playing in the Wollongong City Youth team, can you tell me in what year did he start playing first grade?

2. Did he ever play any other position besides central half?

I would like to buy posters or photos of Ray Vlietstra. Please write back to me and tell me how much the photos cost.

Fernande Da Rocha,
Warrawong NSW

ED — There is a profile on Ray Vlietstra on page nine of this issue. How's that for service!

BOREDOM SETS IN FOR ITALIANS

THE Italian World Cup squad were very bored after only a few days in Mexico.

After their 90 minute training session every morning they have nothing to do all afternoon, and regular rainstorms have largely confined the players to their hotel.

Paolo Rossi, top scorer



MARADONA HEAD ON CLASH WITH EX-COACH

WITH the World Cup beginning for Argentina this morning star Argentine forward, Diego Maradona, has found himself embroiled in a personality clash with his former national coach — over the way the striker does his hair, and because he wears a diamond earring.

So far the coach, Cesar Luis Menotti, has kept his comments only for the press.

"I would like it if he has something to say to me, he says it face to face," Maradona said.

"I have no fear of anybody and even less of Menotti," Maradona added.

The two have had a

running battle since Menotti dropped Maradona from the national squad in 1978 after introducing him to the international scene two years earlier.

An Argentine reporter recently asked Menotti how Maradona would perform in this year's World Cup.

"I don't know," Menotti said.

"We have to wait and see . . . from the technical point of view, Diego has stagnated since 1984. And as a person, well, now he curls his hair and wears an earring . . . Well, he has no personality."

Maradona, retorted: "You have to be more of a man to talk to me than to reporters."

When Menotti excluded Maradona from the 1978 World Cup squad he justified the sacking by saying he was still too young for a tournament of such high calibre.

Menotti brought Maradona back to the team in 1982, but their relationship had not improved.

Early this year, Menotti



ENZO BEARZOT, Italy's manager (right) and DINO ZOFF his assistant at left contemplate the draw with Bulgaria on Sunday as the side trains in preparation for the showdown with Argentina on Friday.

THE MULTIPLEX



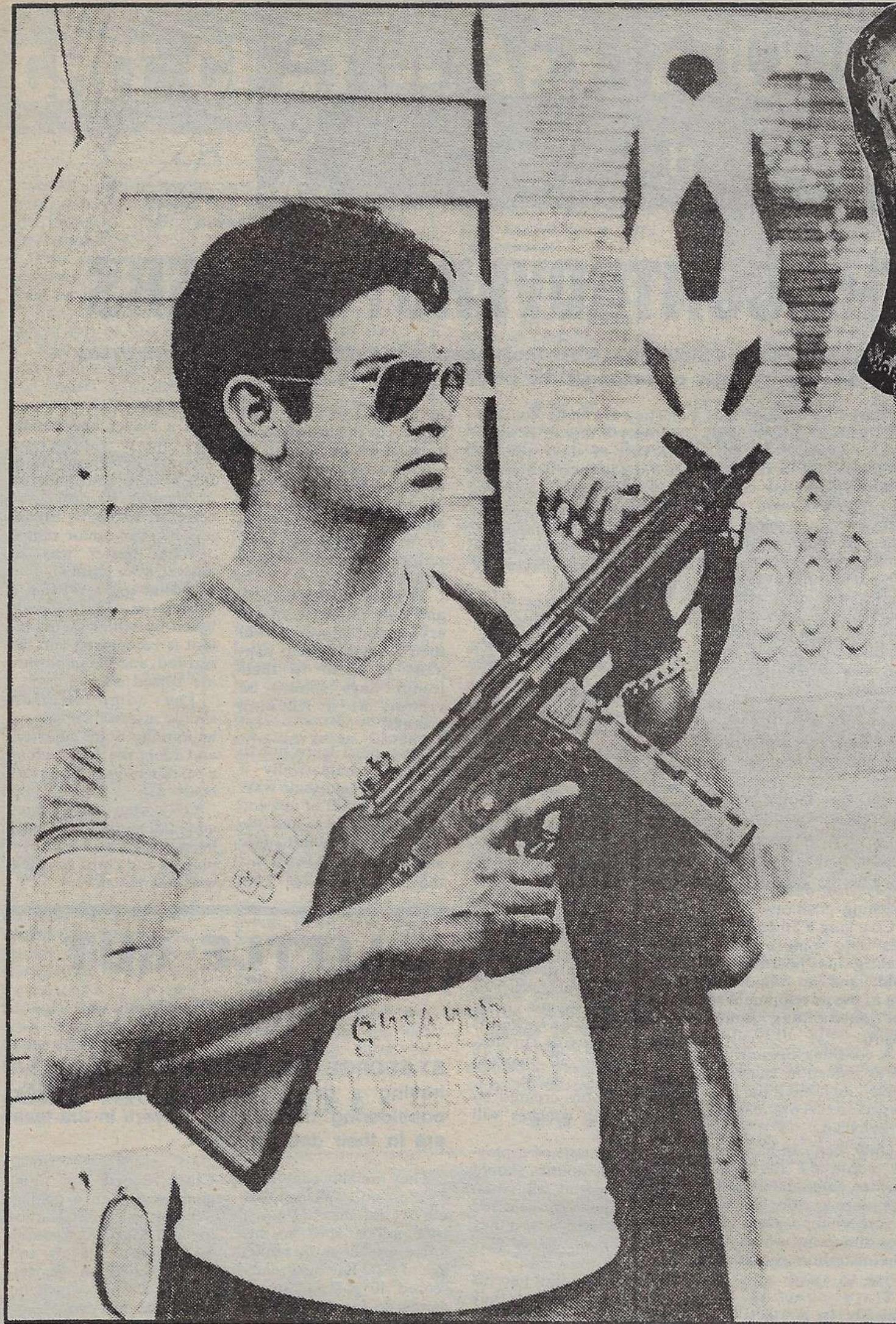
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A policeman stands guard outside the Polish team bus in Monterrey.

FANS COMBINE TO CURB HOOLIGANS

A spontaneous bid by British football supporters to restore the game's good name and isolate hooliganism is gaining popularity throughout Britain.

Thirty-one year old Anthony Russell, of Reading, southern England, decided that something should be done by the fans following the European Cup Final riot in Brussels last year.

Since then his movement Supporters United has acquired more than 5,000 members, including some from outside Britain, who follow the fortunes of British clubs. They are now about to be given badges bearing an encircled handshake emblem.

The aim of Supporters United is to promote friendship and sportsmanship between rival fans; to assist officials to rid grounds of hooligan elements and to unite all genuine football fans.

Mrs Mandy Russell, Anthony's wife who is also a keen football supporter, said that her

husband was planning a 3,700 kilometre sponsored charity walk to each of the 92 Football League Clubs in England and Wales. The aim to raise money for charity and also publicise the Supporters United movement.

Members are linked through a newsletter with a "pen pal" section and voluntary contributions for administration and other costs come from members and supporters of the initiative, which is backed by club managements and players.

Currently about 50 letters a week are being received and regional committees have been established throughout Britain to cope with anticipated growth.

BRAZIL limber-up the yesterday morning prior to the kick-off of their match against Spain. Pictured are conditioner Jose Carlos Nepomuceno, Dirceu, Brito and Luisinho.



WORLD CUP ACTION

MEXICO 86

PLATINI AND FRENCH BOSS IN BUST-UP OVER TEAM

IT may not be known but trouble flared up in the French World Cup just three weeks ago.

European Footballer of the Year Michel Platini and team boss Henri Michel clashed over selection policy.

World Cup captain Platini, who celebrates his 31st birthday during the finals, wanted the manager to name his first-choice team nearly a month prior to the kick-off.

"I thought it would be for the best if Henri Michel named the side before the departure for Mexico otherwise it would be a shambles," Juventus star Platini claimed.

But Michel, a former French international midfielder, simply dismissed Platini's remarks.

"Platini can say what he wants, but I don't think it was possible to name the side then — if only out of respect for those who won't be playing," Michel countered.

"If then, three weeks away from the first game, I said 'Here's my team' what would the 11 who hadn't been picked think?"

"Everyone must hope and chance their luck right up until the last moment."



MICHEL PLATINI debate with manager.

The manager says he hasn't even decided on the side to meet Canada.

"I'll sort it out on the spot in Mexico," he added.

Michel, directing the squad's altitude training camp at Font Romeu in the French Pyrenees, also played down the results of medical tests on the players.

The tests showed a decline compared to those before the 1982 World Cup and 1984 European Championships.

France have been drawn in Group C in the first round of the Cup against Canada, Russia and Hungary and will play their games in Leon.



THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



YOUNG OLYMPIC STARS DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS

ON Saturday 10th May, Sydney Olympic U/16 Youth team was invited to show off their juggling skills at Eastwood Shopping Centre.

This was not the first time the boys have been asked to perform in front of the shoppers. In return, jumpers were donated by the centre.

Sydney Olympic U/16's are still undefeated, well on their way to making the finals once again.



Pictured here, are Eric Hrist, club captain at left, Paul Giezerkamp in centre, and Steve Refines at right.

APIA YOUTH LEAGUE NOTICE

One of NSW's leading junior clubs is now seeking applications for Youth League Coaches for the 1987 Soccer Season.

All applications must list previous history as well as their qualifications.

Applicants who have not coached previously at an extensive level need not apply.

Applicants are for the Under 13s, Under 14s, Under 15s and the Under 16 age groups.

OAK TURNER CUP

Sydney Met Round 2

Division 1

Pittwater Grammar 1
Narrabeen 0. Balgowlah Boys 4 St Pauls 1. St Leo's 4 Callara. Killarney Heights 5 Masada College 0. Crows Nest 5 St Aloysius 1.

Division 2

Epping 4 Hunter Hills 0. Crestwood 4 Galston 1. Holroyd d Parramatta Morist foreit.

Division 3

Holy Family 4 Evans 0.

Division 4

Elderslie 3 Airds 0. Casula 3 Liverpool Boys' 0.

Division 5

Canterbury Boys' 3
Dulwich Hill 0. James Cook 2 Kogarah 1. Kirrawee 2 Gymea 0. Jannali 3 Endeavour 1.

Division 6

Ashfield 4 Enmore 2.

THE CONTROVERSY LINGERS

THE Under 13 and 14 State sides are in the process of being finalised, yet the controversy over selections linger on amongst the players and clubs.

The administration may rightly argue that the best players in the State have been selected in the eyes of the appointed coach, and if others were given the option to select the side, it most probably would differ.

No one could ever deny such a statement as each coach has his own style of play which is dependant on likes and dislikes in a players attitude and character.

However ASW is not disappointed on the team selections, they could possibly be the best in the State.

But what should not be allowed is where coaches competing and coaching in the NSW Youth League, are given the right to apply for NSW State coaching positions.

Coaching a State junior side is to some extent a prestigious position to hold, and an important cog in the development of our outstanding junior talent.

A coaching opinion towards selection must be totally unbiased if the best players in this State are to be selected.

Only then can harmony be achieved involving players, clubs and parents. Appointing club coaches in such vital positions creates situations which the administration should be trying to avoid.

State coaches are logically in contact with all the talented players in this State, and especially within the Metropolitan competition.

They are State coaches for only a month or two, the rest of their year is devoted to their club sides.

It has been often claimed that State coaches are able to manipulate their position and contacts to entice State players to their club sides.

All they need to do is sense a player is not content with his existing club, and then initiate an approach.

Why should clubs encourage and promote their players towards the State sides when it leaves that club vulnerable to having their best players enticed away.

From the parent and player point of view, having club coaches being able to compete for State squads creates biased selections.

These problems could be easily avoided if the administration decided to appoint neutral coaches to all its State teams.

This would be viewed as a step towards professionalism by all involved in the junior game.

The politics created by having club coaches will also cease.

At this stage of a players career, politics should be avoided at all costs. Players should be selected on merit and not who they know, or who they play for.

The downfall of parents and players is that they place far too much emphasis on State selection.

If their sons do not make the State side certain parents treat the situation

as the end of their son's career, or that drastic measures must be taken.

Parents should be more concerned that their boys are developing the skill and fitness to enable them to break into the NSL ranks, at the end of their junior days.

That should be the main and only objective of every junior player. Until then everything that happens to them in their junior days should be viewed as a learning process.

They must learn not to react so dramatically if things don't go their way.

Soccer is full of ups and down. If players and parents are not able to face and accept the downs, then they might as well give the

game away.

If a player believes he has been victimised through missing selection, this should spur him on even more to prove the selectors wrong by breaking into the senior ranks.

What better way to answer your critics.

It is at this level that a professional attitude is taken by senior clubs, talent is recognised and rewarded, and the imposters are sorted out.

The administration should review its policy on appointing State coaches, and adopt the approach of appointing neutral coaches.

Only then can politics and associated problems be removed and parents, players and clubs satisfied with selections.

LITTLE BUT GOOD

ST GEORGE Olympic Under 6 soccer team are having a great season so far this year considering that all eight players in the team are in their debut season.

They are ably captained by their no.10 Peter Diles who is having a tremendous start to his Soccer career at the tender age of 5 1/2 having already scored 40 goals in just 7 games so far this season.

This includes 12 in one game in which the team won 18-0 and broke the St George Olympic Soccer

Club record for most goals scored in a game.

Peter lists Peter Katholos and Mark Koussas as his favourite players and always insists on wearing the no.10 shirt which he has made his own.

The team record so far reads as follows:

played 7 won 7, goals for 53 against 3.

SUSPENSION IS OVER

FIERY tempered State Coach Ian Lloyd nicknamed "Barry Michael" is back in the saddle after serving his suspension for 'riding in a vehement manner' against his opposite coach.

He looked subdued at the Soccer hub of Australia, Valentine Park at Easter.

BY FRANK FINLAY

Whether he has cooled off is another question. His new 'mount' is the State U/13 side. Having a few ales with him until the early hours Ian told me a few yarns in his well known manner.

Whispering into your ears and try to make an impression on you.

When I asked him for a profile story on him about his new charges Ian agreed.

Next morning I took a snapshot of him.

Later when I wanted to interview him Ian was gone. In June I met up with him again and when I

confronted him for an interview Ian was the old Ian.

Waving his index finger a few centimetres from my face Ian said 'No interview I want to keep a low profile. However, he gave in and obliged me.'

Anyway I should give him a good wrap up as I feel the past is the past.

He is doing a fine job with his boys and he needs every encouragement.

Ian entered the Soccer scene several years ago when he played 1st grade for Granville. He is a school teacher and specialised and successful Youth Coach.

In his heyday, he played in the NSW U/16 State side. In 1962 he toured New Zealand with Keith Gilmour. Now he has the U/13 State side in his charge.



NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

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The country under 15 representatives

AUSTRALIANS WIN EUROPEAN CUP!

AUSTRALIA's representatives in the Sorbo-Olympics played in Vorden, Holland, the Sydney City Under 14s defied all in their great triumph over some of Europe's leading junior sides.

In a tournament devised by the Vorden Football Club in conjunction with sponsors Nedac-Sorbo Group, five Under 14 clubs from Europe and our own champion NSW Youth League side, Sydney City played five games apiece over two gruelling days.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The victory by the youngsters really put Australia on the map as far as youth Soccer is concerned. Rank outsiders before the start they well and truly made their mark.

The side remained undefeated throughout the tournament played under rules set by the Dutch Football Federation.

Other notable clubs to be involved were F C Feyenoord, F C Cologne, Fortuna Dusseldorf, Schalke '04 and V V Vorden.

Such was the impact of the tournament that two clubs from Borussia Monchengladbach in West Germany were denied

entry. The performance of the young Australian ambassadors is quite unbelievable considering they spent three days travelling and only arrived in Vorden the night before the first game day.

On that Saturday they played three matches and two on the Sunday.

First up were locals Vorden, the Aussies won 3-0 and fronted up against Fortuna Dusseldorf next to win 1-0. The final game of the day was against Feyenoord which was drawn 0-0.

Sunday and the City Slickers faced up against Schalke and another 0-0 draw resulted.

The final match between Cologne and our boys would decide the winner of the tournament.

The German boys needed a win to carry off the Cup by a point but the young City boys took them apart and won 1-0.

With this illustrious win under their belts the youngsters jetted off for

Berkshire County to end the tour.

Another pleasing point was established after the tour with a letter from Bisham Abbey commending the attitude of the youngsters and their excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all concerned, especially the players. Well done boys!

WORLD SOCCER QUIZ — MANLY

HERE'S a blurb for the World Soccer Quiz starting on June 6 at the Manly Warringah Soccer Club.

Prizes will be given to winning teams, including cash and mystery prizes.

As the Club has recently been taken over by new management the image of the Club has been raised and we are steadily being booked up for functions.

New caterers are also being employed to give a much higher standard of interesting food for the dining area and snack bar.

Come on you Soccer people join our club.

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TASSIE STATE REPS

DEVONPORT Soccer Club, on Tasmania's north-west coast, has two representatives in the Tasmania Under-19 State side — Fred Guibert and Michael DiPietro.

DiPietro, who hails originally from Italy, has been playing Soccer for 10 years. He was a member of the State Under-16 squad in 1984.

Guibert, whose parents are French, will get his first chance to play for the state this year, especially since a serious knee injury forced him to withdraw from the Under-16 squad last year only a couple of

weeks before they were due to leave.

Although Fred plays for the Devonport club, his younger brother, Anthony, himself a Tasmanian State rep. with the Under-13s, in 1985, plays for neighbouring Ulverstone.

Both Fred and Anthony have represented their regions in various age groups; and, both have

played against each other at club level, once only though.

Not only does the story end here. Youngest brother, Mark, is also a keen eight year-old who takes both his older brothers on, rather determined to impress.

Could be a case of hand-me-down-boots for this Soccer family!

— J.T. (Tas)

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
B'town	vs I'warrara	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0
APIA	vs Melita	1-3	2-1	1-1	0-0
G'dsville	vs Nepean	0-3	2-4	0-1	2-0
Syd Oly	vs Marconi	0-2	0-2	2-0	3-1
St.George	vs Cant. M'vil	1-0	1-0	3-3	1-3

DIVISION 2

G'ville Ass	vs Nth Bankstown	3-1	3-0	0-3	2-5
Avala	vs Ku-ring-gai	0-5	0-2	1-1	1-0
Manly Assoc	vs Sth Dists	1-4	0-7	0-2	1-3
Central Coast	vs Sydney City	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-2

DIVISION 3

Campbelltown	vs Croatia Syd	0-12	0-0	1-9	2-5
Syd Yugal	vs Bankstown Ass	1-2	0-7	0-0	0-2
B'town Assoc	vs Syd Yugal	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-1
U.Auburn	vs Rockdale	1-1	0-3	2-0	5-0

IT'S SIMPLE FOR SIMON

ANOTHER Tasmanian doing well for himself is, Launceston youngster, Mimon Miotto.

At 16, he has already had a fruitful sporting career.

BY JOHN TSCHEPPERA

He has been fortunate enough to have been able to participate successfully in his two favourite sports — athletics and Soccer.

The St Pats College student has represented Tasmania in athletics at Under-12, 13, 17 and 18 levels, and Soccer at Under-13 and 16 levels.

He has recently signed

with Launceston Juventus and is already playing in the reserve team. He's a left-footer and slotted in well as a left-winger scoring one of his team's three goals in their recent victory over Croatia.

He says that he would like to play Soccer, teach physical education or, hopefully, go to Italy, my father's birthplace, to live and play Soccer for a while.

Simon seems to know where he's going . . . not bad for the level-headed, quietly-spoken teenager.

The final selection of 16 players was made from a preliminary squad of 30 of the most outstanding players at the National Championships, held in Sydney in January this year.

Six players from New South Wales, five from the ACT, two each from Victoria and South Australia and a Queenslander make up the team which will play matches in Vancouver and San Francisco.

The size of their task can be appreciated when it is realised that there are 1.9 million registered indoor Soccer players in the United States, nearly one-eighth of the total population of Australia.

While in Canberra the Australian team played several matches against local sides, including an Under 16 team and the ACT Under 14 State squad.

Matches were very competitive but by the end of the week, the team was demonstrating great skill and cohesion, reflecting the hard work put in by coach, John Hibberd, and trainer, Garry Rice, both



The Australian Under 14 Indoor Soccer team at its training camp at the Institute of Sport, Canberra, 16th May, 1985.

Back Row: John Hibberd (ACT, Coach), Con Alexandriakis (ACT), Ross Hay (Victoria), John Boursianis (NSW), Joe Molina (ACT), Andrew Wallace (ACT), Andrew Juhart (NSW), Gary Rice (ACT, Trainer).
Front Row: Philip Rice (ACT), Anthony Huise (SA), Jason McAuliffe (Vic), Damon Langan (NSW), Nicholas Hibberd (ACT), Heath Robertson (SA), Craig Hammant (Queensland).
Missing: Caleb Finks (NSW), Andrew Sail (NSW), Paul Boaro (NSW).

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The State League Story

MELITA EAGLES 1
FAIRY MEADOW 0

MELITA EAGLES got back into the winning row when they overpowered a dour and defensive Fairy Meadow 1-0 at Melita Stadium.

As early as the tenth minute John Fosman had a shot blocked and Ray Farrugia blasted a drive just past the post.

Wayne Farnsworth broke free and raced into the area where he was blocked by the keeper and then in turn stopped by the fullback when he made a second attempt.

Sertbas hit the post for Melita on the half hour and another chance was wasted.

Melita stopped expecting an offside decision and Fairy Meadow attacker Cario also hesitated and in turn was blocked by keeper Pupovac.

A Kenny Wilson header was cleared from a corner and Farnsworth hit the post with a volley as another two chances went begging.

Fairy Meadow broke away and the cross was cleared by Wilson as the game drew closer to full time.

In the 81st minute Farnsworth rounded the keeper and got to the line where he cut the ball back to Foxman who put away the winner.

The final attempt came from Steve Baker to Warren Baker who shot over the bar.

W/GONG MACEDONIA 2
PENRITH 0

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA defeated bottom-placed Penrith City 2-0 at Cook Park.

The South Coast side has now gone seven games without defeat and has not conceded a goal in its last five matches.

Macedonia started at a brisk pace and the first goal came in the 25th minute after a fine cross from John Bingham found Barry Robinson who headed the ball with tremendous power into the net giving the keeper no chance.

Ten minutes later the second goal came through the big central defender Chris Ptalevski. From an Anthony Welbourne corner, Dean Gardner headed the ball towards the goal with Ptalevski heading it in.

Ian Hunter tried hard for Penrith up front but he sadly lacked support and in the second half even with City pushing three and four up front they were unable to crack a very solid defence.

The second half could have resulted in more goals with Penrith trying desperately to pull a goal back. They openly exposed their defence but poor finishing let them down.

The only sour note was the sending-off of George Todorovski. The Macedonian import incurred the wrath of the referee because of two bookable offences in the space of five minutes with about a quarter of an hour remaining.

ENGLAND team boss Bobby Robson has singled out striker Paulinho Futre as the player who must be taken out of the game when his side meets Portugal in their opening World Cup clash in Monterrey on Wednesday.

NSW WOMENS LEAGUE: First Grade: Putney Town 5 b Girraween United 0, Forest United 3 b Parramatta City 2, Chipping Norton 2 d Manly-Warringah 2. Reserve Grade: Putney Town 2 b Girraween United 0, Forest United 1 drew with Parramatta City 1, Chipping Norton 2 b Manly-Warringah 0.

OAK TURNER CUP: Rd 2 Div 1: Pittwater Grammar 1 b Narrabeen 0, Balgowlah 4 b St Pauls 1, St Leos 4 b Killara 2, Killarney Heights 5 b Masada College 0, Crows Nest Boys 5 b Hunters Hill 0, Crestwood 4 b Gaistons 1, Marsden 2 b Carlingford 0, Holroyd 1 b Parramatta Marist wo. Div 3: Holy Family 4 b Evans 0, Div 4: Eilderslie 3 b Airds 0, Casula 3 b Liverpool Boys 0, Div 5: Canterbury Boys 3 b Dulwich 0, Kingsgrove 3 b Dulwich 0, Bankstown Boys 0, James Cook 2 b Kogarah 1, Kirrawee 2 b Gymea 0, Div 6: Ashfield 4 b Enmore 0, St Andrews 5 b Glebe 1.

SA State League

Salisbury 1 Lion 1
Azzurri 1 Modbury 0
Beograd 2 Croatia 2
Polonia 2 Hellas 2
Elizabeth 1 Campbelltown 3
Birkalla 3 Para Hills 1
Campbelltown 11 7 3 - 1 24 12 17
Croatia 11 6 3 - 1 22 10 17
Salisbury 11 5 5 - 1 18 10 15
Hellas 11 6 4 - 2 21 10 14
Polonia 11 5 2 - 4 15 12 12
Beograd 11 4 3 - 3 19 18 11
Azzurri 11 5 1 - 5 18 17 11

Lion 11 3 3 - 5 21 20 9
Para 11 3 1 - 7 16 22 7
Birkalla 11 3 1 - 7 10 21

Modbury 11 3 1 - 6 14 26

Elizabeth 11 2 1 - 8 9 23
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ACT League 1st Division

Weston Creek 0 ANU 0
CCAE 2 Canberra United 0

Concordia Phillip 0 Juventus 1
Belconnen United 2 Narrabundah 0

Canberra Olympians 0
Croatia Deakin 2

ACT Women 1st Division

Weston Creek 5 Kambah United 0
Belconnen United 0 Queanbeyan 0

SOCER POOLS SUNDAY RESULTS

Victoria State League

Western 2 Maribyrnong 0, Croydon-Fawker postponed, Springvale 1 Box Hill 1, Thomastown 0 Ringwood City 2. Division One: Mornington 1 N Dandenong 1, Richmond 1 Broadmeadows 1, St Melbourne 1 Altona Gate 2.

Queensland Division One: Kingsridge 0 St Albans 1. Div 3: Willow Burn 2 Kenmore 0. Div 4: Centenary 1 Griffith 2.

Tasmania South: White Eagles 6 Calies 1, Croatia 3 Juventus 0, Howrah 0 Olympia 5, Metro 3 Rapid 2.

Northern NSW Div 1: Belmont S 1 Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 1 Austral 5, Weston 1 Highfields 2, West Wallsend 2 Central Coast 0. Div 2: Toronto 0 Belmont 2, Belmont 2.

Mayfield 2 Westlakes 2, Pt Macquarie 2 Edgeworth 1, Newcastle 3 Maitland 0, Stockton 2 Cessnock 0.

NSW Div 1: Melita 1 Fairy Meadow 0, Auburn 1 Warringah 2, Manly 1 Kuringai 0, Sutherland 0

Avala 1, Rockdale 2 Polonia 0, Penrith City 0 Wollongong 2. Div 2: Canterbury 0 Hornsby 6, Queens Park 1 Bankstown 3, Bathurst 0 Yugal 2, Artarmon 0 Campbelltown

City 1. Div 3: Campbelltown Gunners 1 Port

Hacking 1, North Ryde 0

Rooty Hill 5, University 1 Tomislav 0, Div 4: Eastwood 0 Sydney Uni 1, Spanish 3 Nineveh 0. Div

5: Chile 0 Hawkesbury 1, Green Valley 1 Pagewood

3, Dulwich Hill 6 Liverpool

2. Div 6: Colo Colo 4 Lansvale 7, Chullora 0

Petersham 2, Blacktown 1

Maccabi 1. Div 7: Argentinian 11 Jedinstro 0, Crescent

Star 3 Cyprus 1, Macedonia 2 Castle Hill 1.

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

1st	2nd	3rd
2-1	2-1	0-8
0-0	2-1	2-2
0-1	1-0	1-2
1-1	0-3	1-5
3-0	2-4	1-1
1-0	0-0	5-2

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Nth Bankstown v Canterbury Dist.	3-0	2-0	2-0
Queens Park v Kingsford Hellenic	0-3	1-2	0-1
Blacktown United v Bathurst '75	2-0	6-0	3-1
Dee Why Swans v Artarmon	1-3	1-2	
Gladesville Hornsby v Campbelltown City	2-2	2-1	2-0

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Baulkham Hills v Campbelltown Gunners	0-5	1-1	4-2
Granville Chile v Bondi Marine	1-1	3-1	0-5
Port Hacking v King Tomislav	4-0	0-2	3-1
Rooty Hill v Mt Druitt	0-0	2-1	2-2
West United v Nth Ryde RSL	1-0	4-3	2-1
Moorebank L'pool v Uni of NSW	0-2	2-1	9-0

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

1st	2nd
Sydney Uni v Chelsea	3-3
Concordia v Eastwood St Andrews	3-0
Spanish Club v CSI Schofields	9-1
Nineveh Eagles v West St George	0-6
	1-4

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Rosebery v Maroubra United	3-0	3-1
Pagewood v Trasandinos Sports	1-1	3-3
Green Valley v Dulwich Hill	0-4	1-3
Went Waratah v Chile Sports	1-0	1-2
Hurstville Zagreb v Macquarie Uni	1-3	0-1
Hawkesbury Dist v Liverpool City	3-0	0-5

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Petersham L v Colo Colo	2-2	0-3
Robins v Chullora	2-1	1-1
Welcome Sports v Concord Juniors	3-1	2-2
Rangers Hadjuk v Greenisland	1-3	3-3
Haberfield B/D's v Blacktown Wanderers	2-1	2-4
Lansvale v Sydney Maccabi	3-0	5-1

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Lithgow Workmen v Argentinian	1-4	2-1
Cyprus United v Columbian	3-1	1-2
Jedinstro United v Abruzzi	1-7	1-8
Castle Hill v Crescent Star	1-2	1-1
Luddenham Croatia v Macedonia Yagoona	0-1	2-3

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Cobreloa v Nth Rocks	6-1	3-2
Calabria v Macedonia Eagles	3-1	7-0
Orange Waratah v Hellas Poseidon	1-3	4-0

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Fairy Meadow	1-0	1-1
Uruguayan Auburn v Warringah F/Water	1-2	1-3
Manly Warringah v Ku-ring-gai	1-0	0-0
Sutherland Shire v Avala	0-1	1-0
Rockdale Ilinden v Polonia	2-0	

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

THREE INTERNATIONALS SUSPENDED BY THE AWSA

By JOHN ECONOMOS

AT THE AWSA's Board meeting a hearing was set up to conduct an interview of the five NSW players who withdrew from the Australian team three weeks prior to the National squad departing for New Zealand in March.

The hearing resulted in heavy penalties being dished out and forewarned by the Australian Soccer Weekly when the boycott originally erupted.

SUSPENSIONS

Three of the five players, received two year suspensions, effectively barring them for selection to the National squad.

The suspensions are far more severe than what they appear on the surface.

The players, Mandi Langlaar, Cindy Heydon and Toni McMahon, all from NSW, will effectively be blocked from:

A) Playing against the touring side from Italy later this year.

B) Participating in the next Oceania Cup tournament.

C) Being selected for the 4th World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan.

D) Will miss out on the first Women's World Cup in 1988 in Hong Kong.



NSW's MANDI LANGLAAR

State and National, must discuss, resolve and even compromise on problems arising within their sport.

In fact that is their moral obligation to the sport as well as to the players they control.

Intelligence, duty and above all commonsense has to prevail.

Egos must never intervene.

"Cowboy" tactics have never won any wars not to mention the damage through ridicule that is brought upon the code.

At a time when the Women's Soccer scene desperately needs all the support, positive publicity and above all, unity it can get, a boycott, breakaway or whatever else, is the last thing their sport desires.

But the other two remaining players, that took part in the boycott, former captain Julie Dolan and Margaret Petrov, have had

their sentences deferred till next July.

Dolan originally asked for her hearing to be deferred pending further evidence she wanted to submit in her defence to the AWSA.

The fifth member, Margaret Petrov, due to work commitments, was unable to attend the hearing. Her sentence also has been deferred till July.

But late last week, Julie Dolan contacted Canberra and has asked for her punishment to be dished out as she had nothing more to submit in her defence.

SECTION 31

In bringing down their decision, the AWSA stated that all five NSW players had contravened the Constitution's Section 31, which deals with bringing the code of Women's Soccer into disrepute and charges of misconduct.

NSW FINED

The NSWWF did not escape the wrath of the National body.

The State Federation, for its part in sanctioning the mass-withdrawal by its players, was slammed with a \$500 fine plus put on a \$1,000 good behaviour two



CINDY HEYDON

year bond.

In my opinion, the Executives of this Federation grossly ill-advised their players to go ahead with their mass withdrawal.

It goes without saying



JULIE DOLAN

that we have not heard the end of this upheaval.

In fact I fully expect it to be just the tip of the iceberg.

NSW MEN'S PRESIDENT

I contacted Mr John Constantine, the President of the Men's NSW Soccer Federation, to which the Women's State body is an affiliate.

Although he was not formally presented by any of the facts of the boycott, Mr Constantine told me:

"To my way of thinking, there are far better ways of resolving differences other than suspensions.

"My Federation has to date not been notified formally by our affiliates on the matter.

"But I stress, if there is more to it than what I have read in the press, it is a very sad state of affairs."

John Constantine is a leading Sydney solicitor who has had 10 years Soccer experience within the National Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Federation.



FRED ROBINS

(Merton East), Leanne Augustine (Kingsridge), Tracey Young, Cheryl Barsby, Melissa Bale, Helen Steen (Souths), Samantha McKinney-Smith (Inala), Lesly Morgan (Nerang), Anissa Jones (Toowoomba), Michelle Ray (Southport).

THE DRAW FOR THE STATE TITLES 1986

at Geebing, is as follows:

Saturday 7th June Round 1

Field 1 12pm: Sunshine Coast v Toowoomba
Field 1 1.30pm: Townsville v Gold Coast

Field 1 3pm: Mackay v Ipswich
Field 2 12.45pm: Ipswich v Rockhampton

Field 2 1.45pm: Brisbane v Brisbane Youth

Sunday 8th June Round 2

Field 1 9.15: Sunshine Coast v B'bane Youth
Field 1 10.45pm: Toowoomba v Townsville
Field 2 9.00: Gold Coast v Ipswich

Field 2 10.30pm: South Burnett v B'bane Open
Field 2 12pm: Rockhampton v Mackay

Sunday 8th June Round 3

Field 1 12.15: Ipswich v B'bane Youth

Field 1 1.45pm: Toowoomba v Mackay

Field 1 3.15pm: B'bane Open v Rockhampton

Field 2 1.30pm: Gold Coast v Sunshine Coast

Field 2 3pm: St Burnett v Townsville

Monday 9th June: Semi-Finals

Field 1 9.15: 1 v 3

Field 2 9.00: 2 v 4

Final 3/4th place

Field 2 12pm

Final 1/2nd place

Field 1 1pm

NSW SEEKS REVIEW FOR THEIR SUSPENDED PLAYERS

FOLLOWING the suspensions dished out by the AWSA last week, the NSW Womens Soccer Federation issued a press release seeking a stay of suspension for its five players that last week received suspensions by the AWSA.

(assistant coach to the National squad).

Mr Lal Byers, the president of the NSWWSF, states in the Press release: "An alleged misdemeanour of the three so-called "Rebel Women Soccer Players", brought two of them together to meet with NSW Executives, their suspended assistant national coach and legal advisers.

"As far as we are concerned, the charges of misconduct have not been published nor has the evidence on which the suspensions are based."

The girls also claimed at the meeting that the AWSA was only able to contribute a certain proportion of their tour costs, and the same Association charged the girls for their own uniforms and AWSA badges they wanted to use as give aways to members of the opposing teams when on tour.

Following this meeting by NSW contingent with their lawyer, a request was being forwarded to the AWSA requesting a grant of a stay of the suspensions so that the matter can be reviewed in accordance with the constitution and natural justice.

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Ten teams have nominated for the state titles and the team from Mackay, although very young and inexperienced will offset this handicap by their great enthusiasm. Mackay will be led by midfielder, Donna Fredrickson who went to Melbourne last year with the state side for the first time.

Meanwhile in the Brisbane local scene, the closeness of the competition can really be seen when bottom side in the first division, Merton East, defeated the top team Qld under 17s 2-0.

Predicting results is an impossibility as all the teams have the ability (either way) to cause upset results.

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QUEENSLAND CALLING

IN matches played in the Referees Cup recently, the Gold Coast defeated Ipswich 2-0 but lost national defender Teri McQueen with a knee injury. Teri will not rush back till her knee is 100% as she doesn't want to jeopardise her selection for the Queensland state team.

In the Final of the Cup which was played on the Gold Coast, Brisbane drew with Gold Coast 1 all and played without Sharon Wass.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

National coach, Fred Robins who watched the Cup, said that the Gold Coast side will prove difficult for all teams in the Championship as they constantly fight for the ball and bustle the strikers.

Brisbane, however having a far better goal average, won the Cup for 1986.

In other results:

Brisbane 10 defeated Toowoomba nil.

Gold Coast 2 defeated Ipswich nil.

Gold Coast 4 defeated Toowoomba nil.

Brisbane 4 defeated Ipswich nil.

The two Brisbane squads for the State Titles which kick off this month from the 7th through to the 9th, have been announced.

The Brisbane Open squad is as follows:

Joanne and Kerry Millman, Robyn Priest, Leanne Priestly, Lyn Spencer, Sharon Wass (Easts), Sandy

Walsh, Stephanie McMahon, Leonne Yow Yeh and Lisa Hadley (Grange), Kay O'Sullivan (Riverside), Maria Rogers, Di Cameron (Coalstars), Teresa Cronin (North Star), Susan Monteath (Qld Uni).

First reserve Britte Gundelach (Easts).

BRISBANE YOUTH SQUAD:

Jackie Wortley, Kim Coomer, Raeanne Dowler (North Star), Helen Mackay, Kim Ketter (Redlands), Samantha O'Brien

Sunday 8th June Round 2

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Wide World of Football



ROSSI-STIRRING EMOTIONS

THEY call him a World Cup derelict, someone who reminds of past glories but can no longer revive them or hope to bring them any further into fruition.

BY FRANK COLETTA

But he is biding his time, and apart from the odd reply to the cynical media in Mexico and at home, Paolo Rossi just awaits his chance to ram the goals in and the words down the so-called experts' throats.

Rossi's inclusion in the Italian squad, after being discarded by Juventus and AC Milan (to Verona) as a spent force and moreover a spent goalscorer, represents a colossal act of faith by Enzo Bearzot the Italian manager.

At 29 Rossi should be considered to have a couple of good years left but at best he is looked upon as a talisman. The critics suspect Bearzot is clinging for too long to the glories that Rossi brought Italy in 1978 and even more so in 1982.

But how can he dare to reject a player who has been such a lucky 'token' for him in the past, the little centre-forward's sheer presence is worth a goal or two alone.

Rossi is a man of questionable stamina but extraordinary ability, able to take a game and turn it with a single kick.

HUNGARY BLOW

HUNGARY'S World Cup Final hopes received a severe setback with the announcement with skipper Tibor Nyilasi would have to pull out of the Mexico-bound squad because of his back injury.

EASY FOR SPAIN

SPAIN are doing it easy in their World Cup preparations in Tlaxcala, Mexico.

The players broke training last weekend to spend time with their wives and girlfriends, who have been flown in for the big occasion.

TOO HOT, SENOR

OFFICIALS of World Cup outsider Iraq — one of the earliest arrivals in Mexico — say their squad is getting used to the high altitude.

But they claim the heat is bothering their players.

But to come in from the cold (Rossi had a spell of one year out of the national team) is not alien to Rossi. He came in from nowhere in 1978 as he did in 1982 after being the 'meat in the sandwich' of a bribe scandal that ousted him for two years.

From day one the eyes of many will be focused on the lithe striker. If any man can, he seems destined to extract nectar out of poison.

Brazilian manager, Tele Santana, recently recalled his own words after Rossi's hat-trick put Brazil out of the 1982 World Cup: "Paolo Rossi is a great player. He has more than instinct. His intelligence knew how to find the gaps, how to get into spaces, how to punish mistakes."

Five times in that match Rossi found space, three times, with head, right and left foot he scored.

Rossi now looks even more frail than previously. His knees they say are long gone, but then they always were. Three cartilage operations by the age of 18 made sure of that.

Many considered him a great player, but a great goalpoacher is closer to the mark.



PAOLO ROSSI

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS ITALY UNDER GUARD

MEXICAN authorities mounted extra security precautions last weekend to safeguard the Italian headquarters in Puebla as kick-off time in the World Cup neared.

More security agents were moved into the area to ward-off any chance of a possible terrorist attack against the reigning World champion.

Officials feel the Italian team could be a target of Lybian terrorists, in the wake of Libya's threat to attack American bases in Sicily.

And although Italy's players are going out of their way to indicate they are not concerned about the possibility of terrorist activity against them, they were more tense than usual as their game against Bulgaria at the Aztec Stadium on Sunday Australian time approached.

Italy's World Cup veteran defender Antonio Cabrini said he is worried about terrorism around the world.

"However I do not think anything will happen to us here in Mexico," he said.

"The security and safety measures are greater than those mounted in 1978 in Argentina and 1982 in Spain, and it should be all right."

"Probably people are fearing something will happen to us because the security surrounding our team is greater than any other."

"I suppose this is because we are the champions — we get more attention than the rest."

Team veteran Marco Tardelli said he is confident everything will go well and in the spirit of sport and the championships.

"Terrorists have had their opportunities to attack us in the past, but have not," he said.

"Why should they make an attempt here?"

"With so much security around us, the players feel safe."

"Everybody loves the World Cup and everybody loves the game of Soccer at this period — any attack would put the whole world against the attackers."

"They would gain nothing."

On the playing field,

Italian coach Enzo Bearzot fuelled speculation by not disclosing who would be his goalkeeper for the

opening match of the series against Bularia at the Azteca stadium played on Sunday.

YOUNG GOALSCORER STAYS ON THE BALL

JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN, the youngest player in France's World Cup squad, has surprised everyone by the speed with which he has adapted to international Soccer.

Papin, 22, who was playing with second division team Valenciennes a year ago and whose talents were discovered by Belgian club FC Bruges, is expected to be a vital part of France's strike force in their Group C matches.

ARGY-BARGY

ARGENTINA'S World Cup captain Daniel Passarella was sent off during a warm-up game in Colombia with local club Juniors de Barranquilla.

TOPS

WORLD CUP defender Richard Gough of Dundee United has been named Scotland's Player of the Year by his fellow professionals.

ROSSI DEFIES ITALIAN PRESS

ITALY'S controversial striker Paolo Rossi said in Mexico City today that fate has thrust him into a new dispute about his playing ability before the 1986 World Cup, but that he was confident of silencing critics.

The Italian press is still trying to have him benched, he says.

"It is not always possible to speak well of a player. I guess I am a big name and whatever I do makes headlines. So even when I am criticised, the criticism is harsher than for other players," Rossi said.

The 29-year-old star of Italy's 1982 World Cup championship team in Spain said he could play well in Mexico and he rejected claims in the Italian press that he had lost

his edge.

"It's true that with age one's doubts grow and you no longer have the punch of earlier days. But I am fit and ready to play," he said.

In 1982 he was picked for the squad after sitting out a two-year ban for involvement in a fixing scandal.

In Italy's last three matches he scored three goals against Brazil, two against Poland and the first goal in the 3-1 victory over West Germany for the World Cup.

BRAZIL STROLLS IN 4-0

BRAZIL'S World Cup Soccer team gave its best training match performance yet as it strolled to a 4-0 win over Mexican first division team Club America in Mexico City last week.

"This was a good match and we created plenty of opportunities, although we threw many of them away," coach Tele Santana said. "We beat this team just 1-0 last week but today we scored lots of goals."

But Santana said he has still not decided a starting line-up to face Spain on Sunday week in Guadalajara, the opening game in Group D which also includes Northern Ireland and Algeria.

Injured midfielders

Zico and Cerezo sat out the game, but team doctor Neylor Lasmar said they would probably take part in light "two-touch" play today to help evaluate their recovery.

In Guadalajara, Spain suffered an embarrassing 2-1 defeat against Atlas, one of the weaker Mexican League clubs.

Atlas, using an attacking line-up against Spain's more cautious formation, attacked relentlessly from beginning to end and was unlucky not to win by a bigger margin.

TOO MANY RISKS FOR THE IRISH

SCOTLAND and Northern Ireland didn't play a warm-up match before the World Cup because Ireland manager Billy Bingham thought the risk to his players outweighed any advantages.

Scotland boss Alex Ferguson had hoped to make contact with the Irish party, if only to train with them.

But Bingham said: "I don't think it was ever on — it wasn't worth the risk."

BULGARIAN manager Ivan Vutsoz was not saying who would play in the World Cup opener against holders Italy on Sunday. "The reason is not because it is a secret, but because I hadn't made up my mind until just before kick-off, is that so difficult to understand?" he said, adding that Bulgaria had an advantage in the match as they had nothing to lose.

as we are both very competitive nations.

"I can't imagine people like Graeme Souness and Norman Whiteside holding back even in training, and I think it's better we save it for the Cup."

DECISION

FRENCH manager Henri Michel has decided on his World Cup midfield combination — Michel Platini, Alain Giresse, Luis Fernandez and Jena Tigana — and goalkeeper Joel Bats.

But the rest of the line-up is undecided.

FRANCE RUNS HOT IN FIRST WARM-UP BUT THEN BOMBS OUT IN SECOND!

FRANCE's first World Cup warm-up outing in Mexico saw it beat Guatemala 9-1 in a match played in three 30-minute periods early last week.

The only bad news for the French, who already have Luis Fernandez on the sidelines with an ankle problem, was that Dominique Rocheteau slightly injured a knee towards the end of the game.

The goals came from Jean-Pierre Papin (11th, 22nd mins), Michel Platini (19th min), Rocheteau (45th min), Alain Giresse (51st min), Philippe Vercruyse (90th, 97th mins), Yannick Stopyra (93rd min pen) and Ferreri (95th min).

However, there is some doubt that Vercruyse's final goal actually counted in the general confusion which occurred at the end

BELLONE HOPES TO PLAY

FRENCH striker Bruno Bellone has recovered from a twisted ankle and hopes to be included in the team to meet the USSR on Friday.

The squad has a daily routine of general limbering up in the mornings followed by mini-match practice of four against four in the afternoons.

ISRAEL WANT DOC

TOMMY DOCHERTY is in line for the Israel national team manager's job after Irishman John Giles rejected the offer last week.

SKY'S THE LIMIT

BULGARIAN World Cup striker Plamen Markov says he's enjoying Mexico — but wishes the country was not so close to the sky.

Whilst free-kick expert Plamen Getov has been practising his flyers in the rarified atmosphere and is delighted with the strange twists and dips the ball has been taken!

of a friendly work-out in which France used 21 players.

But then just a few days later they met the University of Mexico and were inexplicably beaten 2-0 with a full strength team on the field.

Though the Mexican's had some six top flight players out! The first divi-

sion Mexican side went ahead after 24 minutes through Antonio Luque and then grabbed the second after 37 minutes when Mauricio Pea who easily eluded the French defence and goalkeeper Bats and last man Anot.



NORTHERN IRELAND skipper SAMMY McILROY, he will play a leading part in the Irish quest against Brazil, Spain and Algeria in one of the hardest groups of the Mexican World Cup.

ITALIANS DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS

THE Italians are now well settled in Puebla and have got down to the serious business of preparing to defend their world title.

After a barnstorming welcome to Mexico, the Italians settled into quieter surroundings to round off their training schedule.

When they had to run a

gauntlet of supporters to a bus that took them to Puebla, they left scores of journalists running vainly behind.

REID MOVES ON

ENGLAND World Cup midfielder Peter Reid, 29, has probably played his last game for Everton — he is expected to sign for Tottenham or West German side Cologne this week.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO TONY MORLEY?

ONE of the biggest mysteries in English football is what has happened to flying and skilful winger Tony Morley, formerly of Aston Villa and West Bromwich.

For so long Morley was talked of as England's great wing hope, someone who could tear apart defences with a quick turn of pace and a deft swivel. It now seems all gone.

When Villa were on top of the heap some four years ago after winning the League Championship, Morley and team-mates such as Gary Shaw, Peter Withe and Colin Gibson were the toast of the town.

Shaw is battling back into the Villa side, Withe went on to England honours and also moved on but is now winding down a fine career and Colin Gibson is continuing with Manchester United, but what has happened to Morley?

With Mark Walters having broken into the Villa side plus the departure of manager Ron Saunders, Morley's spirits started to flag. After being a hero in a European Cup Final win he was on the outer and searching for a move.

He was accommodated at West Bromwich but after a stint there was looking for a move again although there were few takers. Brom put him on the transfer list and released him. There is talk he might reappear at the Hawthorn's but the

strongest word is that he is finished and will drop into the lower divisions.

Not the type of ending for a player who was ready to take on the world in the 1982 World Cup and was earmarked for the 1986 Cup campaign, some-

thing that failed to materialise.

Sadly the consequences of being a multi-talented yet erratic player doesn't go too well with English managers. Just ask Stan Bowles, Alan Hudson, Tony Currie and Rodney Marsh ...



TONY MORLEY

ITALY V ARGENTINA, LATIN PASSION

FOR a record fourth time in a row, Italy and Argentina will do battle during the World Cup Finals.

On Friday at 4am the brave souls that drag themselves out of bed will be able to witness one heck of a football match on SBS TV.

The string of four matches began in West Germany 1974. The match between the sides was drawn 1-1 with Rene Houseman turning on the class for the Argentinians and scoring their goal whilst the Italians levelled through an own goal.

In 1978 the World Cup Champions to be, Argentina lost their only match against Italy 1-0.

Many regarded the Ita-

lian team as the best in the competition and the way they beat the home side fitted this description. Roberto Bettega, Paolo Rossi, Giancarlo Antognoni, Marco Tardelli and Antonio Cabrini were all instrumental in the victory with the winning goal by Bettega being one of the best of the tournament.

In the second round of the 1982 World Cup, Italy again triumphed, this time 2-1 through goals by Tardelli and Cabrini, Passarella replying late for Argentina.

So get set for a torrid

confrontation. In '82 Diego Maradona was blotted out of the game by Claudio Gentile. This time there is no Gentile but Giuseppe Bergomi, another hard man. Maradona is carrying a knee injury into the World Cup and it will surely be tested on Friday.

Italy's king-pin is Bruno Conti, his service to front-runners, Alessandro Altobelli and Aldo Serena and even Paolo Rossi who should be on the bench will be imperative if Italy are to overcome the Argentinians.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT ABOUT ZICO!

EVER confident on the field or off, Brazilian star Zico made it clear after the game against Spain that there was never any doubt of him starting the World Cup.

The famous midfielder announced: "My recovery came along very well and so well in fact that I was able to make myself available for the first match for our side."

The 33-year-old continued: "There was a time when I really thought that I'd miss out on the Cup so

to make it was a victory in itself. For this fact I feel better than ever."

His squad compatriot and captain Socrates, doctor by profession, says that Zico has recovered very well.

"He has done everything necessary to gain my

confidence as to his fitness."

After spending two weeks acclimatising to the altitude of Mexico, Brazil entered the tournament as one happy camp, full of confidence. Their last match prior to the Spanish match was a 3-1 beating of the University of Guadalajara, a very low-key match.

HUGO IS FIT AND RARING TO GO FOR OPENING CUP MATCH

THE hopes in the World Cup of host nation Mexico got a gigantic boost when it was announced that their star striker Hugo Sanchez is fit and raring to go for the first match against Belgium at the Azteca Stadium.

Sanchez, 26, injured his knee in the UEFA Cup Final victory for Real Madrid against FC Koln last month.

His first real hit out was last Tuesday when he trained with the team albeit on a slippery and wet pitch.

He claimed the injured ligaments were standing

up well to the rigours of the last week: "I'm content, because we've trained strongly and the knee hasn't hurt at all."

After injuring his knee on May 9 there were initial doubts that Sanchez would be unable to prove his fitness so as to take his spot in the Mexican squad.

Mexican manager, Yugoslav Bora Milutinovic has been directing proceedings of the Mexican camp at Los Aztecas and Toluca, some 80 kilometres out of the capital.

Milutinovic's usual captor at training is to have 45 minutes of shooting practice then to divide the squad into two sides to play some one-touch football in the middle of the field.

The proposed Mexican line-up for the big one against the Belgians is as follows: Pablo Larios; Trejo, Cruz, Quirarte, Servin; Munoz, Boy, Aguirre, Negrete; Sanchez, Flores.

NO CHANCES BEING TAKEN ON DOPES

DOPING has never seriously threatened the World Cup finals, but the Mexican organisers of the 13th edition of Soccer's pageant are taking no chances.

Mexican doctor Aurelio Perez Teuffer, head of the World Cup Medical Commission, said there would be antidoping tests at all the matches in the tournament, which opened on Sunday with world champion Italy facing Bulgaria at the Aztec Stadium.

The last case of doping at a World Cup involved Scotland winger Willie Johnston, sent home in disgrace from the Argentina finals in 1978 by the

Scottish Football Association after a positive dope test.

Dr Teuffer said that tests would be carried out on two players from each team during the first round and three players per team thereafter.

He said the draw for players to be tested would be made at half-time and that team officials would be told who those were five minutes before the end of the match.

"We decided to con-

tinute training now that

our demands for dialogue with the (Portuguese Soc-

cer) Federation have been ignored. Lack of dialogue more than money originated our protest," forward Jose Rui Aguas said.

Portuguese Federation sources said the players surrendered to the federation position and to an appeal by Portuguese President Mario Soares to end the dispute.

The sources said the federation had refused to negotiate the players' demand to double their \$US2,000 (\$A2,800) bonuses for the first round.

The players did not immediately give any reason for changing their mind about the protest.

"They are going to train, they realise that public opinion and government officials at home are not supporting them," said Amandio Carearho, deputy president of the federation and chief of the Portuguese delegation here.

The players began the protest on Sunday when they failed to show for a warm-up match in Monterrey with a local Mexican team. They had vowed to boycott all practices and warm-up games until the tournament opens on Sunday.

The protest caused a national uproar in Portugal and prompted Mr Soaves to send a telegram yesterday appealing to players and team officials to resolve the dispute.

A presidential spokesman in Lisbon said the president's message called on players and the federation to conduct a calm dialogue to "end a situation that the Portuguese people do not understand." The message also said Portugal's prestige and dignified representation at the World Cup was at stake.



HUGO SANCHEZ gives himself a good work out in training for Mexico's first World Cup match. He is pictured in Toluca.

ALEX ADAMANT

SCOTLAND'S World Cup boss, Alex Ferguson, is adamant that in Jim Leighton he has one of the finest goalkeepers in the World Cup finals and no Australian sports fan will disagree with him on this point after Leighton's display against the Socceroos in Melbourne in the final qualifying round.

RECUPERATING

INJURED midfielder Carlos Manuel, star of the Portuguese World Cup team, will begin a recuperation program today in a last-ditch effort to have him in action for the opening game against England in Monterrey.

WORLD CUP TERROR ALERT!

ENGLAND, Scotland and Northern Ireland along with Iraq have been named by Mexican authorities as the most likely targets for terrorist attacks during the World Cup.

nations participating in the four-week series.

Also, with Mexico largely inexperienced in the fight against terrorism, they have been briefed by the FBI on the techniques they employed during the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

'I'M BRAZILIAN'

IF you are Brazilian and you are in Mexico for the World Cup one thing is certain . . . you will never be short of a peso or two.

It seems the latest craze in the World Cup Fever origins of Mexico is to allow anyone with Brazilian blood running through them to purchase without paying!

Many of the 22-man Brazilian squad have gone into stores to buy differing things and turn up to the counters and registers to be told that everything they purchased is 'on the house'.

DIJO IS THEIR MAN!

NEW Brazilian wonder-boy, ELZO DIJO is being pursued in earnest by agents from Italy, Switzerland and Mexico who are attempting to get his signature on a contract that would take him away from his current club Atletico Mineiro.

The young midfielder is not naming anyone as yet but he may be tempted. "Some of the offers

I've received are very good, but myself I'd prefer to play in Brazil," said Dijo.

RUMMENIGGE OUT OF WORLD CUP OPENER

WEST GERMANY's hopes of a winning start of the World Cup received a major setback on Thursday when goalscoring ace Karl-Heinz Rummenigge announced he might not be fit for his country's opening match against Uruguay.

Rummenigge is still struggling to overcome a knee injury and doubts he will be fit for the June 4 game.

The West German captain was clearly hampered by the injury as his squad stepped up its preparation at its luxurious training headquarters in Morelia.

Manager Franz Beckenbauer is unlikely to risk his star striker against Uruguay unless he is fully fit, banking on Rummenigge recovering completely for the rest of the tournament.

Beckenbauer remembers the last World Cup, in Spain four years ago, when Rummenigge struggled to produce his best form while carrying a similar injury.

Rummenigge's absence

will leave a huge hole for West Germany to fill against Uruguay — widely tipped as the tournament's dark horses — in the World Cup's toughest group, which also includes Scotland and Denmark.

But Beckenbauer is fortunate striker Rudi Voller has recovered from injury after being sidelined for six months.

Voller scored twice in a 8-1 warm-up win over the Netherlands.

PLATINI AND FRENCH BOSS IN BUST-UP OVER TEAM

IT may not be known but trouble flared up in the French World Cup just three weeks ago.

European Footballer of the Year Michel Platini and team boss Henri Michel clashed over selection policy.

World Cup captain Platini, who celebrates his 31st birthday during the finals, wanted the manager to name his first-choice team nearly a month prior to the kickoff.

"I thought it would be for the best if Henri Michel named the side before the departure for Mexico otherwise it would be a shambles," Juventus star Platini claimed.

But Michel, a former

French international midfielder, simply dismissed Platini's remarks.

"Platini can say what he wants, but I don't think it was possible to name the side then — if only out of respect for those who won't be playing," Michel countered.

"If then, three weeks away from the first game, I said 'Here's my team' what would the 11 who hadn't been picked think?

"Everyone must hope and chance their luck right up until the last moment."

The manager says he hasn't even decided on the

side to meet Canada.

"I'll sort it out on the spot in Mexico," he added.

Michel, directing the squad's altitude training camp at Font Romeu in the French Pyrenees, also played down the results of medical tests on the players.

The tests showed a decline compared to those before the 1982 World Cup and 1984 European Championships.

France have been drawn in Group C in the first round of the Cup against Canada, Russia and Hungary and will play their games in Leon.